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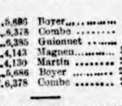

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BOMBAY, 24TH JULY, 1907.

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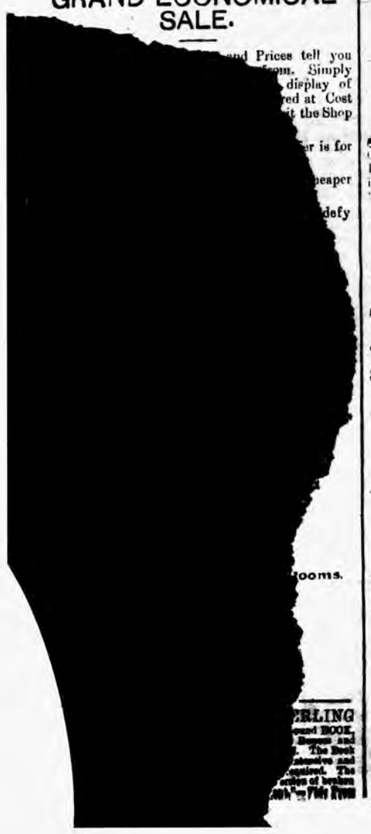

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THE steamer Morven 2,272 tons, Captain D Robertson sailed yesterday for Karachi with the same bottom cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra 762 tons Captain J S Herat will sail to-day for Persian Gulf &c, with a general cargo and 85 deck passengers.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer Moshtari 1,110 tons Captain, P H Gore, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden with a general cargo and 16 deck passengers.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nizam 2,041 tons, Captain A McLennan, arrived in Bombay harbour on the 23rd instant from Calcutta via Coast ports with a general cargo and coal and 47 deck passengers.

The Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have decided that Tuesday, 23rd July, 1907, should be regarded as a half weather working Day for vessels in the Prince's and Victoria Docks.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—July 24.

Bulrir	1613 19/100 Born		G Jivaji
Bhun ara	2215 Brocn		M M & Co
Faron Cawlor	Gandey		G G Tejpal Co
Baron Innerdale	2140 Fullerton		K Nixon & Co
Bulysse	3908 Scott	W & A Graham & Co	
Caledon s	3523 Tocque	London	P & O Co
Courland	760 Ebrahim	M'Go s.. 17-7	Bo S N Co
Dwarka	260 Hirst		M M & Co
E lora	1431 Cacklin		M M & Co
Helios	860 Knudsen		F F Campbell & Co
Itaura	Thomson		M M & Co
Ipswich	513 Wallace		Shah S N Co
Ismailia	3281 Ross		M M & Co
Masagoa	3522 Powell		P & O Co
Malta	3490 Peters	N F	P & O Co
Mashlard	1119 Gere		B & J S N Co
Nizam	2041 McLennan		T Merrison & Co
Rajput	2613 Clingare .. Calcutta	24-7	T M'son & Co
Shahnoor	2783 Potter		Shah S N Co
Shahjehan	2566 Davison		Shah S N Co
Shah Najam	2751 Davison		Shah S N Co
Siva	1879 Bennett		M M & Co
Umballa	3429 Clowse		M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—July 24.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Ville de Tamatave	2153	Peancollier	Havre	30-7	K Nixon & Co
B	Bozwala	2170	Carey	N F		M M & Co
C&R	Dinbigh Hall	3211	Dowse	Liverpool	10-8	K Nixon & Co
C & R	Warrior	926	Smith	Antwerp	29-7	W & A G & Co
F	Whitgift	4779	Kendall	Antwerp	25-7	K N & Co
G	Ottawa	416	Mohamed	Kchi	29-7	The Shah S N Co
H	Boscombe	2433	Wisnon	Liverpool	25-7	W & A G & Co
L	Morocco	2676	Bowhill	Hull	3-8	F Muir & Co
L	Mahmudi	547	Ahmed	Repairing		Bo S N Co
N	Mousseri	1735	Gedile	Mauritius	B & P	S N Co
O	Virent	2423	Nicholson	Kwan	27-7	W & A G & Co
P	Baghdad	1319	Tate	Durban	29-7	A Strandes
Q	Nerbudda	1316	Williams	Zbor	25 7	M M & Co

H. W. P. D.

Indravati		513	Fakeera	Kchi	26-7	Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

2	Masilia	3250	Thomson	Liverpool	26-7	W & A G & Co
3	Dumra	170	Hirst	P Gulf	Buscb	25-7 M M & Co
4	Dun Leslie	2400	Gladstone	Liverpool	25-7	F Muir & Co
5	Bahadur	829	Fakeera	N F		Bo S N Co
6	Umballa	2743	Rich rt	Antwerp	3-8	R A Wills
7	Knight Errant	4779	Kendall	Antwerp	25-7	K N & Co
8	Afrl a	2565	Raleich	Tries e	1-8	A L S N Co
9	Bisborough	2463	Padgett	Dunkirk	3-8	W & A G & Co
12	Persia	4198	Haughton	Aden	27-7	P & O Co
15	Afghan Prince	3183	Campbell	Hull	23-7	W & A G & Co
15	Linga	937	Bickford	Kchi	26-7	M M & Co
16	Bulimba	1607	Sew ll	Busreh	29-7	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

July.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
23	Siam s	McLennan	Calcutta, June 26
24	Moshtari s	Gore	Aden, July 16
	Seostra s	Hockey	Yokohama, June 17

DEPARTURES.

July.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
21	Bombay Maru s	Ishikawa	Kobe, &c
	Damoora s	Watson	Shanghai, &c
	Bowen s	Robertson	Karachi
	Buccaneer	Wilson	Liverpool &c

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—
Steamer Boscombe, Wisnon, for Liverpool &c.
" Dumra, Hirst, for Persian Gulf, &c.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
at anor Nizam for Calcutta, &c
Mo htari, for Persian G lf, &c.
F. Ferdin nd for Trieste, &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

June.	Vessel.	From
17	Flamingo	Calcutta
17	Inverclyde	Sydney
18	Shirala	Calcutta
19	Clan Macnab	Liverpool
21	Winpeno	Rangoon
21	Lawada	Calcutta
22	Lowsura	Bombay
22	Palamcotta	Negapatam

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

23	Pentakota	Rangoon
24	Kapadsima Maru	Penang
29	Langton Hall	Coast
30	Nadir	Bombay
29	Umfoli	Calcutta

The dates are approximate only.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. "Colaba" arrived at Suez on the afternoon of the 23rd.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JULY 24.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Massilia s—49 bales wool, E Dossa and Co; 25 bales wool and goat hair, W and A Graham and Co; 43 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co; 10 bales cotton, L B Coates and Co.

Clan Leslie s—217 cwts cottonseed, N Peerbhoy.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Massilia s—24 bales twist, Bradbury Brady and Co; 4 l al s twist, P Visbram and Co.

FOR GLASGOW.

Massilia s—6,160 cwts cottonseed, Ralli Bros.

FOR HULL.

Afghan Prince s—2,025 cwts cottonseed, M Vulubdas.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Beaseborough s—110 bales cotton, New Mofussil Co; 110 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co; 1,000 cwts hones, J M Rehimtoola.

FOR LONDON.

Persia s—4½ cwts, ivory and tortorse shell, K N Miani.

FOR ANTWERP.

Warrior s—50 bales cotton-fly, K Visram and Co; 116 bales cotton (silky), N Peerbhoy; 10 bales twist, H M Mehta and Co; 75 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Whitgift s—160 bales cotton-fly and waste, K Visram and Co; 3 cases quartz Towner and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Massilia s—50 bales cotton-fly, A Abdoolally and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Denliegh Hall s—13 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Africa s—233 bales twist, A Schweiger and Co; 440 b des cotton, New Mofussil Co; 18 bales twist, P Visbram and Co; 316 bales twist, The Swadeshi Mills Co.

E F Ferdinand s—2,016 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 70 bales cotton-fly, K Visram and Co; 50 bales wool, W Wolf and Sons; 55 bales cotton, New Mofussil Co; 330 bales cotton, A Blaschech and Co; 220 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 110 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co; 330 bales cotton, Walter Pavri and Co; 7 bales twist, the Central India Spinning and Weaving Company.

FOR VENICE.

E F Ferdinand s—200 bales cotton, Walter Pavri and Co; 2,012 cwt castorseed Worman and Co; 250 bales cotton, W Wolf and Sons; 1,000 cwt castorseed Volkart Bros; 110 bales cotton S Framji and Co; 600 bales cotton, Volkart Bros; 200 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 600 bales cotton A Blaschech and Co; 700 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 200 bales cotton Ewart Latham and Co; 2,001 cwt linseed E D Sassoon and Co; 100 bales cotton the Bombay Co.

Africa s—500 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 5 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR FIUME.

E F Ferdinand s—110 bales cotton, Walter Pavre and Co; 800 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 550 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR CONSTANTINOPOLE.

E I Ferdinand s—35 bales twist, The Elphinstone Mill; 55 bales twist, The Elphinstone Mill.

Africa s—145 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR MESSINA.

Africa s—15 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR PIRACUS.

Africa s—5 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR TRIPOLI

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *July 23.*] [BOMBAY, *July 24.*

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols ...	83 3/4		1/8
3 do. Rentes ...	95	un	chgd
3½ do. Sterling Loan ...	97 3/4	un	chgd
3½ do. Govt. Securities ...	84 11/16	un	chgd
Bar Silver in London ...	31 11/16		1/8
Do. do. 2 months' bence	31 11/16		1/8
Do. in New York ...	68 7/8		1/4
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·16	un	chgd
Do. do. do. Berlin.	20·43		1/4
Do. do. do. New York.	4·87	1/8	
Discount Bank of England Rate.	4o/o	Since	25 Apl
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	3 1/2		1/8
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	4		1/8
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	3½	un	chgd
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	4½	un	chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...	2		1/8
Do. 7-day Market Loans	2½	un	chgd

Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1s. 3 29/32d. unchgd.

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots	...Quiet
Futures	...Steady.
East Indian	...Dull
Manchester	...Steady
Total Sales	... 7,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export ...	500 ,,
Imports	nil
Mid-Americans	7·11 + 02
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ...	10 13/16 unchgd

Future Delivery Prices—

July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
6·78 +08	6·66 +07	6·55 +07	6·49 +08

Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.
6·48 +08	6·45 +08	6·44 +08	6·44 +07	6·45 +07

New York—
Receipts at U. S. Ports ... ... 2,000 bales
Do. do. last year ... 6,100 ,,
Spot Cotton.—13·10 + 15.
Futures.—Month of July, 12·08 +23 } Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later as the official weather reports considered unfavorable.
Do. do. Dec. 11·93 +07
New Orleans:—
Spot Cotton—12½ unchanged
Futures—Month of August 12·75 + 10
Do. do. of October 12·19 + 06
Closing Tone of Futures.—Quiet.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Fine Bengals	d. 4 3/8
F. G. Bengals	d. 4
Good Bengals	d. 3 31/32

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat.—Quiet.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed:—
Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs., 85 per cent. ex-ship 59 1/2 August—September—Antwerp—Sellers—Canal.
Yellow Cawnpore, per 415 lbs. 85 o/o ex ship 57 1/2 July-August—H. A. and D. Sellers—Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed.—Firm.
Linseed:—
Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex ship 44 1/2 July-August—Dunkirk—Sellers—Canal,
Tone of Linseed—Dull.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6½ unchanged.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
1 Bundle Rupees.	Rs. 2,000	Kuweit	Dwarka	H E H Allana
1 Bundle Sovs..	30	Kuweit	Madura	M S Faraz
Gold Coins	1,444			
Rupees ..	1,709			
1 Box Sovs ...	650	Muscat	Dwarka	Comptoir National
Rupees .	4,400			

BOMBAY MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,] [24TH JULY, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Bank Rates—

Bank of England ...	4 per cent.	from 25th April.
Bank of Bengal	4 per cent.	,, 4th July.
Bank of Bombay.....	4 per cent.	,, 4th July.
Bank of Madras	5 per cent.	,, 29th June.

Money:—
Banks will accept deposits for three months fixed at 3 per cent. per annum.

Exchange:—
The tendency of the market has been weak to-day. At opening most Banks would sell wire at 1s. 4 1/32d. for July, but in other quarters 1s. 4d T. T. was the best rate available. Credits were quoted generally at 1s. 4 9/32d. 3 months' sight but here again it was possible to do 1/32 better and we believe bills were placed for the mail at 1s. 4 1/4d. for three months credits. The future of the market depends, to a certain extent, on the result of the sale of council bills to-day. Far Eastern rates are steady. We quote :—

T. T. on London ...	...	1s. 4 1/32d. to 1/4
Demand Draft ...	...	1s. 4 1/16d. to 1/32
Credits— 3 months' sight	...	1s. 4 1/16d. to 1/32
Do. 6 months' sight	...	1s. 4 15/32d. to 7/16
Do. 3 months' sight—France		170 1/2
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks		132
Hongkong—20 days' sight	...	164
Yokohama—20 days' sight	...	150 1/4
Shanghai—20 days' sight	...	224

Government Paper:—
The Market opened week to-day at Rs. 96 3/4 for cash and Rs. 96 5/8 for the settlement. For some reason the delears have been operating on the bear tack and quotations have fallen 1/8 during the day. The business reported has been on small lines. Calcutta markets keeps steady. Their opening quotations were advised this morning as 96 3/4 ready and 96 11/16 for delivery forward in a month. We quote :—

Cash	Rs.	96·10	} sellers.
1st Settlement ...	,,	96·9	

Bullion—
London Bar silver advices give the market 1/8 down on Tuesday at 31 11/16 for ready and for delivery forward in two months. New York also was 1/4 down at 68 7/8. In our local Bazaar the rates opened weak at 81 3/8 ex duty, but later in the day an improvement set in and ready bars were dealt in at 81 5/8 ex duty. Forward rates are noted below. Bar gold is steady. We quote :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	1	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	0	6
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns ...	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns ...	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready ...	81	10	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	81	11	0
Ditto 2nd ,, ...	80	11	0

COTTON.

Market Report:—
The market remains quiet and there is an occasional enquiry from Exporters for contracts for new crop, while the enquiry for ready cotton for shipment has fallen off.
The local mills are moderate buyers.
In the Bazar there is more disposition to sell new crop owing to many reports received from the interior of continued rainfall in many of the important cotton districts.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery
Fine M. G. Broach ...	273/4	Ready.
Fine ,, Nagpur Kampti ...	228	,,
Fine ,, Damangaum Pulgaon.	216	,,
Fine ,, Khangaum Akola ...	206	,,
Fine ,, Amrsoti ...	205	,,
Fine ,, Muttia ...	194	,,
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	185	,,
Fine M. G. Khandeish ...	195	,,
Fine ,, Bengals ...	189/90	,,
Good Westerns ...	230/31	,,
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar ...	219	,,

NEW CROP.

Good M. G. Broach ...	Rs.	260/1	March 08
Fine ,, ,, ...	,,	275/6	,,
,, ,, Nagpur Kampti..	,,	238	Jany. 08
,, ,, Damangaum Pool-gaum ...	,,	229	,,
,, ,, Khangaum, Akola ...	,,	221	,,
,, ,, Khandesh ...	,,	213	,,
,, ,, Bengals ...	,,	204	,,
Fully Good M.G. Khandesh	,,	203	,,
Fully Good H. G. Bengals...	,,	186/7	,,

Liverpool Openeri—

Opening Tone			Firm.
Estimated Sales			7,000
Total Imports			1,000

Future Delivery prices :—

July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec
6·35 +07	6·72 +07	6·61 +06	6·55 +06	6·52 +06

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	Mar.-Apr.
6·51 +06	6·50 +06	6·51 +07	6·51 +06

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wheat and Seed markets are closed owing to a Marwarie and Jain Holiday.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—

Bombay	1,380		
India	62	X. D.	

Mills :—

Century...	1,700		
David	431	1/4	
Empress...	490		
Howard and Bullough ...	570		
Kohinoor	775		
Maneckji Petit...	3,305		

Miscellaneous :—

Bombay Flour Mill	975		
Bombay Steam Nav. Preference	275		
Colaba Land and Mill	1,090		

Railways :—

Ahmedabad-Prantej	570		
Amritsar-Patti	112		
Tapti Valley	452	1/2	

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton	2,182	bales.
Wheat	2,270	ewts.
Linseed	2,780	,,
Rapeseed...	6,995	,,
Gingellyseed	145	,,
Poppyseed	2,822	,,
Groundnuts	198	,,
Castorseed	6,140	,,
Rice	27,411	,,
Myrabollams	408	,,
Cottonseed	4,643	,,
Mowrasced	36,980	,,
Gram	900	,,
Joowar	1,556	,,
Maize	nil	

We have been requested to state that the capital of Rs. 1,50,00,000 (one and a half crore) of the Indian Specie Bank, Limited, which was offered to the public has been fully subscribed and that the Share List is now closed.

THE INDIAN GOLD MINE RETURNS.

MADRAS, JULY 24.

The following London quotations were received through Messrs. Scott and Tod, to-day :—

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold	£1	10s.	£0 11 0	£0 12 6
Balaghat	£1	£1	£0 13 3	£0 14 3
Champion Reefs	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	£0 8 6	£0 9 0
Hoare Gold	£1	15s. 6d.	£0 1 10½	£0 2 1½
Dec. G. F. Dev.....	£1	4s. 0d.	£0 2 3	£0 2 9
Dhar. Gold Mines ..	£1	£1	£1 7 6	£1 10 0
Dharwar Reefs.....	£1	£1	£0 18 3	£0 19 6
G. F. Mysore	£1	£1	£0 1 0	£0 2 0
Glenrock, Ind	10s.	9s. 9d.	£0 0 4½	£0 0 2½
G. P. Dharwar.....	£1	£1	£0 16 3	£0 17 6
Hutti	£1	£1	£1 12 3	£1 15 3
Hyderabad Dec	£3	£3	£2 3 9	£2 6 3
Ind. Mines Syn	4s.	3s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 9*
Kempinkoti New ...	5s.	5s.	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£5 16 9	£5 18 9
Mysore Reef Ord....	£1	£1	£0 0 3	£0 0 0
Mysore West	£1	19s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 0
Mysore Wynaad	£1	19s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 0
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 5 6	£1 6 3
Coregum (Ord)	10s.	10s.	£0 5 6	£0 6 6
Coregum (Pref)	10s.	10s.	£0 11 3	£0 12 6
Road Block	£1	£1	£0 0 3	£0 0 6
Sangli (New)	£1	18s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 6
Topaldodi	£1	18s.	£0 8 9	£0 11 3

* ex dividend

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, JULY 24.

Freights.—The advance in rates has been well maintained, but little business has been put through. The much needed rains up-country are reported to be falling, so that prospects look much more favourable now than last week.

Engagements.—Ellerman Line : 4,000 tons, Birkenhead, August, at 15s. 9d.; 1,141 tons, Glasgow, August, at 16s; 2,647 tons, Glasgow, September, at 16s; 2,000 tons, Liverpool, September, at 15s. 9d; option of Birkenhead at 16s; speculators, 500 tons Antwerp, September, at 16s.

Chartered.—A steamer, 1,660 tons nett register, United Kingdom or Continent, two ports, September, at 17s.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

The P. and O. Co's. mail steamer *Oriental*, which is expected to arrive in Bombay to-morrow from Aden, brings the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Anderson, Mr and Mrs	Peterson, Mr A C
Barclay, Mr J R	Predeaux, Mr W
Best, Mr J	Thompson, Mr W
Danby, Mr C G H	Venables, Mr R G
Hodgkinson, Mr A	Wilkinson, Mr J E
Jacobs, Mr J F	Yarr, Mr W

FROM MARSEILLES.

Ainsworth, Capt R B	Mackinzie, Mr D K C
Annan, Mr J	Mahler Mr A
Asser, Mr O	Macfarlane, Revd A
Bartir, Lt Col B	Mullick, Dr S K
Prout, Mr E M	Nickalls, Vajor
Harrey, Mr C D	Nixon, Mr and Mrs F C
Heintges, Mr T	Ogden, Mr W
Hodgson, Mr F F	Page, Mr C B
Hunter, Mr T H	Rudge, Mr W A D and Son
Lees, Miss P	White, Mr B A

FROM BRINDISI.—Watson, Mr G
FROM PORT SAID.
Din, Mr W M — Rahman, Mr M F
Monroe, Mr O G — Sayad, Hakim Shah
FOR KARACHI.
King Hunter, Lt Col F C — Sullivan, Maj R L
Lloyd, Lt A M

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Re. 1 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CARR—July 20, at Pa'amcottah, to the Rev. and Mrs. Edmund S. Carr, a daughter.
GRIER—July 18, at Jutogh, the wife of Major H. D. Grier, R.G.A., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MCCORQUODALE—TALBOT—July 18, at St. Andrews' Church, Bilcher, Alexander Robertson McCorquodale, to Emily Dorothy, eldest daughter of R. H. Talbot Esq., of Cossipore Tea Estate, Cachar.
STOTESBURY—CAMPBELL—July 17, at St. Thomas Church, Dehra Dun, by the Revd. G. Peake, Ch plain, Herbert Charles Stotesbury, Survey of India, to Grace Phoebe Amy, widow of the late Dr. Campbell, private practitioner, Dehra Dun, and daughter of the late Robert Alexander Thomson, of The Abbey, Colchester

DEATHS.

SCRIVEN—July 21, at Madras, Maurice, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Scriven.
MCCARTHY—July 16, at Quetta, Frederick William Stowell, the dearly beloved son of Ethel Margaret and Frederick William McCarthy, of the Punjab Irrigation Department.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 13m., Sun sets, 7h. 17m., High water, 11-44m., 11-35s., Low water, 4-44m., 5 43s.
Municipal Corporation, 3.30 p.m.
Sind Press Company, 19 Elphinstone Circle, 5-30 p.m.
Meeting of the Bombay Natural History Society, 6 p.m.
Harwood Association Football League, Oval, 5-45 p. m.
Rovers *vs.* Customs.
Music at Green's, 7 to 9 p. m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Friday, July 26.—Arrival of Lord Lamington by special from Poona, Victoria Terminus, 6-30 p. m. Byculla Club dinner to Lord Lamington. P. and O. s. s. *Oriental*, with English Mails of 12th instant, due to arrive at 9 a.m. Harwood Association Football League, Cooperage, 5-45 p.m., Royal Artillery *vs.* Y. M. C. A. Mahaluxmi Spinning and Weaving Company, meeting of debenture-holders, 2 Tamarind Lane, 4-9 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 13m., Sun sets, 7h. 17m., High water, 0-27s. Low water, 5-33m., 6-31s.
Saturday, July 27.—Departure of H.E. Lord Lamington per mail steamer, Carnac Bunder, 1-30 p.m. Cricket matches : Bombay Gymkhana "A" and "B" Teams *vs.* Wilson College and St. Xavier's College, respectively. Harwood Association Football League, Cooperage, 5-45 p. m., Royal Scots' "A" Team *vs.* Royal Scots' "B" Team. Music at Green's, 7 to 8 and 8-30 to 10-30 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 13m., Sun sets, 7h. 17m., High water, 0-27m., 1-8s., Low water, 6-20m, 7-18s.
Sunday, July 28.—9th Sunday after Trinity. Music at Green's, 7 to 8 and 9 to 11 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 14m. Sun sets, 7h. 16m., High water 1-18m., 1-50s., Low water, 7-5m., 8-1s.
Monday, July 29.—Music at Green's, 7 to 8 p. m. Sun rises, 6h. 14m., Sun sets, 7h. 16m., High water, 2 3m., 2-33s., Low water, 7-54m., 8-51s
Tuesday, July 30.—Bombay University Senate meeting, 5-45 p.m. Harwood Association Football League Cooperage, 5-45 p. m., Rovers *vs.* Y. M. C. A. Music at Green's, 7 to 8 p.m. Sun rises. 6h. 11m., Sun sets, 7h. 15m., High water, 3-0m. 3-18s., Low water, 8-38m., 9-10s.
Wednesday, July 31.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p.m. Gymkhana Mud Sports, 5-30 p.m., Harwood Association Football League, Cooperage, 5-45 p.m., Bombay Gymkhana *vs.* Royal Artillery. Sun Rises, 6h 15m., Sun Sets, 7h. 15m. High water, 3-56 m, 4-5s. Low water, 9-30m., 10-32s.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Joseph Baptista presided at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation held yesterday afternoon, when business of a formal nature was transacted.

EFFECTS OF THE WEATHER.—In consequence of the heavy rains which we are having for the last several days, five large trees on the maidans in the Fort have fallen down. Two of these were on the Marine Lines maidan, two on the Esplanade and one on Queen's Road.

MUSIC AT THE TAJ MAHAL.—The following programme of music will be played at the Taj Mahal Hotel, under the direction of Mr. f. Salzinger to-day, from 7 to 9 p.m.

March	Sound of Peace..... Franz Von Blon
Overture.....	La-Bunche D'or..... Brepsant
Waltz	Wiener Blut ..... Strauss
Selections	A Country Girl..... Monckton
Habanera	Charme d'Espagne ..... Mozzacapo
Serenata.....	(From) The Eternal City. Mascagni
Waltz	Orientrosen..... Icanovici
Two-Steps	Uncle Sammy ..... Holtz sann

IMPORTING PERSIAN OPIUM.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Inspector Gandhi of the Opium Department charged Syed Ali Mahomed, a Mahomedan, with importing Persian opium from Bussorah without licence. The evidence showed that the accused arrived in Bombay on Monday by the B. I. S. N. Company's steamer *Dicarka* and landed at the Prince's Dock. He was then searched by Mr. Cassells, Preventive Officer, and 188 tolas of Persian opium was found concealed in a layer under the bottom of his box. The accused was convicted and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 50, or, in default, to suffer one month's further imprisonment

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—A meeting of the members of the Society, will be held this afternoon at the Society's Rooms at 6, Apollo Street, at 6 p.m., when the following papers will be read :—(1.) Notes on a trip after *Oris poli*, by Col. Sullivan. (2.) Two new Snakes from Assam, by Major F. Wall, I. M. S., C. M. Z. S. (3.) On a new genus and some new species of Aculeate Hymenoptera, by P. Cameron. (4.) Some notes on Wild Dogs and Panthers, by Lt.-Col. F. W. Caton Jones, R. A., M. C. (5.) The effect of strychnine poison on Wild Dogs, by D. O. Witt, I. F. S. (6.) A visit to the South Sentinel Island, by B. B. Osmaston, I. F. S; (7.) Indian Fresh water Shells, by Gordon Dalgliesh; (8.) Notes on Snakes collected in Fyzabad, by Major F. Wall, I. M. S., C. M. Z. S. (9.) Breeding of Snakes in captivity, by Col. W. B. Bannerman, I. M. S.

FREAK ENTERTAINMENT IN BOMBAY.—We have been told that the Indian songstress is less popular and that the Nautch is regarded with disfavour by the wealthy and cultivated of our City. This is far from the truth judging by a recent entertainment in this City. In a certain wealthy family during last week was rejoicings, and to celebrate the occasion a famous songstress of Calcutta was invited here at a retaining present of Rs. 15,000 for seven days; fifteen thousand rupees exclusive of reserved Railway accommodation and other privileges going and coming here, which she consented to receive, and her admirers were so entranced that they persuaded this Bengal Prima Donna to remain one evening more for a little sum of Rs. 2,000. This sum was made up by subscription, and a theatre hired for the night, to which the admirers of the songstress came and were, it is said, hypnotised into delirious excitement.

THE Hongkong correspondent of the *Times of Ceylon* cabled on the 19th inst

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BIKANIR AND "BLACKWOOD."

REUTER'S long telegram, telling us that the Maharaja of Bikanir has a letter, two columns long, in the *Times* on the position of the Indian Princes, serves to show that His Highness based his observations on an initial error. His Highness "quotes a paragraph from Mr. Whibley's article in *Blackwood's Magazine* for May and declares that the sweeping assertions made in it are a gross libel on the Princes and Chiefs of India and are most unjust and inaccurate." Poor Mr. Whibley! That gentleman was not the writer of the article at all. A paper entitled "Liberty and Patriotism in America" in the May number of *Blackwood* was his and, as we mentioned yesterday, he contributed an interesting article on "the American Millionaire" to the July number. Mr. Whibley does not presume to write on Indian affairs at all and in the May number does not even mention us. But it is easy to see how the Maharaja's error arose. An anonymous article, headed "India: 1857-1907, Retrospect and Prospect" immediately precedes Mr. Whibley's American study, and the Maharaja has credited him with both. However, we can well understand the Maharaja's indignation—whoever the writer was—for in one place referring to the Indian Princes, he observes: "their loyalty to us is, naturally enough, begotten of self-interest; it is absurd to speak of it as patriotism, because however much we may try to disguise the fact, our Empire in India is not an Indian, but a British Empire. Satisfactory as our existing relations may be, therefore, and fully as they may recognise the justice of our rule, it is hard to believe that if at any time of crisis in our fortunes they should see a reasonable chance of throwing off our yoke and of establishing an independent federation of Native States, devotion to the British Crown would cause them instead to stand by us." We do not marvel at the Maharaja's indignation. Our only surprise is that it has taken two months for any prominent Indian Chief to protest. But the proposition is very mildly put. "It is hard to believe" says the writer. Many things are hard to believe, to him "who only England knows." And it must be hard for many people to believe that the British Government is beloved by the Chiefs of a conquered country, Chiefs whose freedom of action is restricted by the agents of the British Government and some of whom are rulers only in name.

Blackwood's contributor—not Mr. Whibley, who wrote the "Book of Scoundrels," "Studies in Frankness," the "Pageantry of Life," Lives of Thackeray and Pitt and several introductions in the Tudor Translation series, but never a study of India—rejoicing over the improved relations between the Government and the Indian troops, considers it impossible to regard with equal satisfaction our position in respect to other and far more numerous classes of the population. "If we turn first to the ruling princes," he writes, "we find indeed a great outward change; much of the barbarism of oriental loyalty has disappeared; the principal Chiefs have received from their English tutors something more than a veneer of Western civilisation; they are fully able to appreciate the advantages of a British suzerainty as compared with that of any other European power; but they more or less appreciate, too, the limitations by which they are surrounded." Then follows the remark, already quoted, which appears to be that which most tended to raise the ire of the Maharaja of Bikanir. Many people, besides the anonymous magazine-writer have suspected that a large proportion of the Chiefs would "shout with the biggest crowd" in the event of an emergency. But we now have it on the authority of His Highness of Bikanir that such is not the case. He emphatically declares it to be "an undoubted and gratifying fact that something has brought the Native States into line with the British Government and that they have developed a real devotion to the King and his House. The Native Rulers are absolute loyalists." The Maharaja quotes numerous instances of loyalty shown, and continues :—"Thanks to the sympathetic policy of the Government, the Rulers have received a training enabling them to administer their States in an efficient and satisfactory manner, and also to help the Government of India where it lies in their power." Such we believe, except in a few isolated cases, to be as true of the other Princes of India as of the Maharaja of Bikanir, who speaks for them as well as for himself in his letter to the *Times*. He does not go so far as to assert that the relations of the British Raj with the Native States are beyond reproach and that nothing is left to be desired, but what he will emphasise, "despite the dismal forebodings of half-informed writers," the Princes and Chiefs are loyal and patriotic to the core, and "if the crisis ever comes the Princes of India will unhesitatingly cast in their lot with the British and will do everything in their power to keep His Majesty's flag flying in India.

And other classes, besides the Princes and Chiefs will do likewise. Said a well-known local native merchant the other day: "India cannot do without Europe. India cannot go alone. Foreigners are all rogues; English are fools. We can make money out of fools but not out of rogues. Therefore we prefer English." The Maharaja's "Mr. Whibley" would term this to be self-interest no doubt. Others might prefer the word "expediency." But whatever it may be and whatever the motives which actuate the various classes, the writer who is criticised will find himself justified when he discounts the danger of the British being driven into the sea by the people of this country, however alarming may appear the symptoms of unrest. The Maharaja thinks Government may find it advisable to reconsider their relations with the Native States—just what the Secretary of State and the Viceroy contemplate, and the Council of Notables, when formed, will doubtless devise means to that end. No doubt Lord Curzon in his early years of office caused the Princes some irritation by unnecessary dogmatising as to what he considered to be their duties. But he saw his error and in one of his last speeches, addressed to the Chiefs, through their sons at Indore, he declared that never was a more noble or magnanimous use of great riches than the Chiefs' donations to the famine relief fund, and he gave them full credit for loyalty. "Nothing can take away from me," exclaimed Lord Curzon, "the recollection of the work that has been done with them. Nothing can efface the impression left upon me by their chivalry and regard. Long may they continue to hold their great positions, secure in the affection of their own subjects and assured of the support of the Paramount Power. May they present to the world the unique spectacle of a congeries of principalities, raised on ancient foundations and cherishing the traditions of a famous past, but imbued with the spirit of all that is best and most progressive in the modern world, recognising that duty is not the invention of the schoolmaster, but the law of life, and united in defence of a Throne which has guaranteed their stability and is strong in their allegiance." A congeries of principalities, not a federation of Native States, united in the defence of the Throne, was contemplated then as it is now and whatever change in the relations of Government and the Native States may be, it will not be such as to hold out any prospect of a federation which would serve no useful purpose either in the interests of the Paramount Power or of the States themselves.

FESTIVAL OF THE POET OF THE MAHABHARAT.

TO-DAY on the full moon or the fifteenth of the light half of the current month of Ashad, the Hindus hold an interesting festival in honour of Vyasa, the poet of their great epic of the Mahabharat It may be said to be one of the very few of their literary festivals when a great epic poet is honoured. It is vulgarly called "worship of Vyasa"; but the worship is, really speaking, of a noble kind. It is of that kind which Carlyle has immortalised under the name of hero-worship; and Vyasa answers quite to that great author's ideal of a hero. He is the hero as poet, the hero as prophet, as priest, and as philosopher all in one. The Hindus have their cult of hero-worship like every other people, and like most people this cult has degenerated with them into idolatry. But in its original and pure form it has nothing of the grossness which is now observable among its ignorant votaries. Vyasa was a great sage, and the Hindus are specially prone to venerate sages. They were originally seven, and hence the seven stars of the constellation of the Great Bear are called the Rishis, as the latter were afterwards supposed to be transferred to the heavens from earth and to shine there brightly. Thus the fancy of Keats in his well-known poem "Bards of Passion and of Mirth," is not original but matched in Hindu poetry and mythology. Of Vyasa the Hindu can with truth say what the English poet said of his poets: "Thus ye live on high and then On the earth ye live again; And the souls ye left behind you Teach us here, the way to find you. Thus ye teach us every day, Wisdom, though fled far away," Vyasa is to the true Hindu at the present day all that is said here. The Hindu turns to his poem for the best teaching and wisdom that he could find. His poem of the Mahabharat is held sacred in the sense that it is considered the best legacy of the past generations to be transmitted intact to future generations. Shakespeare can be certainly said from this point of view to be held sacred by the English and entire English-speaking world. That portion of the Mahabharat which is called the Bhagwad Gita and contains the dialogue between Kirshna and Arjuna, has consoled countless generations of Hindus from the time it was composed down to our own day, and brought them spiritual comfort when assailed by the ills of life, by explaining things which are dark to many. It is not to be wondered at, then, if the Hindus hold the Mahabharat sacred and venerate its author Vyasa as a great poet and prophet combined, a *vates sacer*. Modern research teaches that Vyasa was not the author of that epic, but only its editor or putter together of its various parts. The name 'Vyasa' itself means nothing but an "arranger." Many scholars now think that Homer was not the author of the great epics which go under his name, but merely their editor or 'diaskeuastes' which means exactly "arranger." Some men see this in the very name of Homer which according to them is derived from *ago* meaning 'to fit,' 'to join,' and *homs* signifying 'together.' If this be the real derivation of Homer, 'fitter together,' it affords an appropriate parallel to the name of Vyasa, which means 'arranger.' However that may be and whatever we may think about the unity and authorship of the Homeric poems, it is certain that the Mahabharat could not have been the work of one man or one generation. Its enormous length running to no less than one hundred and eighty thousand lines of sixteen syllables each, and in some recensions it runs to so many as two hundred and twenty thousand, forbids us from supposing that it is the work of one man. It is quite a cyclopædia containing mythology, legendary history, philosophy, law, manners and customs; and different hands can be traced in it adding distinct portions at different periods. But all this does not matter much to the devout Hindu who believes that Vyasa was its author. It is also important to note that in the Mahabharat itself Vyasa is mentioned as the kinsman of the family of the Bharats: he is the father of Pandu or 'pale-faced,' whose sons were the famous five Pandava brothers. Of all the Brahman sages, Rishi Vyasa was reported to be the greatest and known widely for his learning, austerities and miracles. He is also known besides his epic of the Mahabharat, as compiler of the Vedas the sacred books of the Hindus. No doubt such a man, however shadowy his real existence, and however legendary his origin may be, was worthy of deep veneration from the Hindus, and he receives this especially on this day of Vyasa-puja, from them.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.

THE last mail from Australia brings details of the cancellation of the Mail contract that was made between the Federal Government and Messrs. Laing and Sons. A stop-gap arrangement has been made with the Orient Company by which the existing contract will be extended for at least twelve months from March next. Rumour has it that the White Star Line will make a big bid for the contract, but it is difficult to see what advantage they will gain for the Atlantic service is one which uses up all the energies of many companies and the vessels which cross to America would in no way be suitable for the Australian traffic. The history of the late contract is curious. Soon after the arrangement was made with the Orient Company to continue an alternate fortnightly service up to the end of February 1908 by the Reid Government, the latter was defeated and the duty fell on the succeeding Deakin Government of calling for tenders for a service to take up the carriage of the mail. Three tenders were received, and the lowest, that of James Laing and Sons, shipbuilders, was accepted. The subsidy agreed to was £125,000 a year for ten years, and the contractors agreed to build a fleet of new steamers of at least 11,000 tons register, with a speed that would shorten the delivery of mails between Brindisi and Adelaide by two days. The new vessels were to be registered in Australia, to be manned by white crews, to be docked and repaired in Australian ports, and to fly the Australian flag. Refrigerating space was to be provided on the vessels for a large quantity of perishable produce, and altogether the terms and advantages likely to accrue to Australia were so great that the announcement of the completion of the contract was at once followed by a declaration by many prominent business men that the contract would never be carried through. The agitation against the contractors and he latter's silence as to their intentions and the sudden demand for Federal support in the issue of debentures are fresh in memory. The Syndicate failed to put matters on what the Government considered a proper business footing and after long delay the expected cancellation was announced. Already the conditions of the new tenders had been drafted. It is understood that the tenderers will be given the option of tendering on the basis that the Federal Government will guarantee a portion of the debenture capital of the contractors. Efforts will be made, too, to get the States to guarantee freight and by this means it is hoped that a much greater and better class of steamers will be obtained at a lower subsidy than that of the old contract. The cash deposit has been raised four times and the first bond required doubled. It remains to be seen whether the Laing fiasco will deter others from entering the field.

THE RUIN OF THE RAND.

THE agreement between M. Botha's Ministry and the Home Government for the Loan is coming in for a large amount of criticism in South Africa. The papers are full of complaints uttered or written by prominent men, and the general concensus of opinion is that the new Government have shown a callousness towards the interests of the Rand and of the whole of the Transvaal, never equalled or approached by Mr. Kruger. Commercial men say bluntly that the birthright of the Colony has been bartered or bargained away for a meagre matter of five millions. Distrust of the Government is everywhere. The immediate effect of the loan was a marked diminution of business in Johannesburg. The Stock market discounted the situation some time ago. Practically all gold accounts open are bear accounts, and they are very few. What the country needs is expansion; and it is threatened with constriction, the cutting off of credit, forced realisations and a period of poverty verging on bankruptcy. No one but the politicians believe that native labour can be found in sufficient quantities to take the place of the repatriated Chinese. The situation is gloomy in the extreme and there can be no improvement while the mines are forced to work short-handed.

A MYMENSING telegram says that the Gurkhas were removed from Jamalpore on Sunday last.

AT an extraordinary meeting of the Sangli Gold Mining Company, held on the 5th instant, resolutions for the re-construction of the Company were unanimously confirmed.

THE Government of India are reported to have decided to send the widow and eight children of the nephew of ex-King Theebaw back to Burma.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer *Yetorofu Maru* left Moji for Hongkong on the 23rd instant, and the same Co's. Steamer *Hiroshima Maru* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 24th instant.

A CONCERT will be given under the patronage of Sir P. M. Mehta at the Town Hall on Saturday evening at 9 p.m., at which Miss Gowhor, a clever violinist of Calcutta will be heard in aid of the funds of the Lady Northcote Hindu Orphanage. Tickets may be had of Messrs. Soundy at Hornby Road, and of Messrs. Ruttonsee Deuso and Co., Apollo Street.

THE office of the Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay is in course of removal to Poona in connection with the re-arrangement of some Government offices. The Sanitary Commissioner will open his office in Poona on the 5th August.

IT is understood that the Burma Railway Administration has addressed an urgent request to the Railway Board for funds, the money available for completing new extensions having been exhausted, and pointing out that work must stop unless additional grants are forthcoming. Unfortunately the Railway Board will have no funds at its disposal until the Secretary of State decides what portion of the additional million is required for rolling stock and what surplus will be available for division among the different Railway systems.

ACCORDING to the Berlin paper of July 11 and 12 it is uncertain which route the American fleet will adopt in its voyage from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. According to the *New York Herald*, it will either pass through Magellan Straits, outward bound and return by way of the Suez Canal, or it will take the Suez Canal route and return by way of Magellan Straits. President Roosevelt has declared his intention to maintain the treaty rights of Japan in the United States more energetically than ever.

MR. ROBERT WILLIAM PERKS, a member of the British House of Commons, and an associate of the Institute of Civil Engineers, who has been interested in various important works, including the Barry Docks, Preston Docks, Buenos Ayres harbour works and the Manchester Ship Canal, has submitted to the Premier of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a big scheme for a ship canal extending from Georgian Bay (the north-eastern part of Lake Huron) through the three great lakes, down to the Ottawa River, which enters the St. Lawrence River about 25 miles above Montreal. By this means a clear water way will be open to Montreal. Mr. Perks estimates the cost of his scheme at no less a sum than twelve million pounds sterling.

VISCOUNT AOKI, the Japanese Minister at Washington, has been interviewed by a correspondent of the *Frankfüter Zeitung*. The Viscount, in the course of the conversation, contradicted the rumours that a third Power was setting up Japan and America against each other. The Viscount further said that the Japanese Government had been fully aware that all this was pure nonsense. In his opinion Germany had no interest whatever in setting the two nations against each other. He then emphasised the fact that the Japanese people put no faith in such rumours. Apparently, in making these remarks, the Viscount had the "*Daily Telegraph* in his mind. Admiral Yamamoto of the Japanese Navy is now at New York. The Japanese delegate at the Hauge Conference has spoken in a way which leaves no doubt that he believes in the maintenance of peace.

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

LORD LAMINGTON.

I FULLY expected that the resignation of Lord Lamington, necessitated by the serious illness of his wife, would be deeply regretted, and that he would be the object of universal sympathy. It is very gratifying that his administration has met with cordial appreciation from critics all over India. In these days when a great deal is talked about sympathy, Lord Lamington distinguished himself, in a marked degree, by his innate courtesy and genuine kindness of heart, towards people of high and low degree alike. It is becoming a trite saying that the Englishman who sweetens his relations with the people of this country by his kindness and consideration is an asset of the Empire, and that asset is ever so much more valuable, when the man who is dowered with these qualities occupies the exalted position of the satrap of an Indian province. The country has long ceased to be in need of "prancing pro-consuls." The Governor in these days has only to occupy himself with the peaceful development of the territory which he is called upon to rule. It is quite as important that he should acquit himself of his social duties with gracefulness and a genuine regard for the feelings of the subject races, as that he should perform his administrative work with efficiency and conscientiousness. The natural instinct of Lord Lamington taught him to perform his social duties to the satisfaction of all, and he was always animated by an earnest desire to learn the views and sentiments of the people on questions concerning their own interest. It is due, in some degree, to his benign influence that this Presidency has preserved almost exemplary tranquility, while there was turbulence and discontent in other parts of India. I cannot too strongly inculcate the lesson that every act of kindness of Englishmen towards natives is bound, in its blessed effect, to develop and fructify. The Patels of Khandesh, whom Lord Lamington, inspired by a happy idea, invited to visit Poona, must have carried home wonderful tales of the courtesy and condescension of their distinguished host, which will be retailed, with the garnish of exaggeration, in the villages around for a long time to come. Lord Lamington was not a brilliant Governor, and never pretended to be one. He did not carry out any heroic measures, and indeed, it was not within his scope as a provincial Governor, crippled by the strict centralisation enforced by the all pervading personality of Lord Curzon, to undertake any such measures. But the work which came to his hand, he did quietly, unobstrusively and to the best of his abilities. He proved a good Governor. If he had exercised firmness on a memorable occasion as you rightly observe, he might have warded off the bitterness and ill-feeling which marred for a time the happy relations subsisting between all classes of the community in this city. But it is no small credit to him that he has survived the disappointment caused by his attitude on that occasion, and that so far from there being any trace of bitterness in the valedictory speeches of non-official members at the last meeting of the Legislative Council, they all breathe a spirit of genuine sympathy and cordiality.

THE BRIDES OF THE GODS.

When I dealt, a few months ago, with the question of marrying Hindu girls to gods, as the euphemism goes, I said that it was scarcely the province of Government to prevent the custom by law. The bulk of the opinion of leading Hindus, which was invited on the subject by Government, is decidedly against legislative interference. Not that the evil is sought to be minimised or glossed over by these gentlemen. They deplore, as deeply as the most ardent advocates of legislation, the immorality which is practised in the name of religion; but as the custom is closely interwoven with the social and religious life of a certain class of Hindus, and as that class is, as might be expected, most backward, illiterate and superstitious, it would be unwise and impolitic for the Government to interfere. It is no part of a Government's business to concern itself with a private social evil, which exists, in one form or another, in all societies. The reformation in these cases can only come from within, with the progress of enlightenment and elevation of moral ideas, and the influence of a healthy public opinion. There is no special reason why a particular species of immorality, simply because it happens to appeal strongly to sentiment, should be stopped by Government, while the same immorality, existing perhaps in a worse form, and covering a far wider field, should be left alone. Such a course would not be logical nor consistent. The evil proposed to be dealt with is, after all, very limited in its scope. The plague spots exist only in Jejuri, where the girls are nominally wedded to Khandoba, and a few other places in this Presidency, where they are wedded, with grim significance, to a dagger! It is, moreover, stated that the practice is dying a natural death; that whereas there were a thousand 'moorlies' in the temple of Jejuri in former years, the number is now reduced to three hundred. The reformation can be hastened by the active propagandism and self-sacrificing devotion of the natural leaders of the people. They must start a mission among the classes who observe this custom, and by the spread of education and enlightenment open their eyes to the enormity which is practised or tolerated by them under the supposed sanction of religion. They must open asylums for the protection of minors and others rescued from a life of degradation, and I suppose that Government will be ready to help them. They must storm the enemy's stronghold at Jejuri by concentrating a portion of their energy on the spot.

A MORAL.

The petition to Government is a satire upon the political extremists, who want India for the Indians, and demand that the foreigners should hand over the reins of Government to the people, and retire from the country, bag and baggage. Here is a petition from a number of enlightened Hindu gentlemen, true lovers of their country and countrymen, who appeal to Government for protection and intervention in a matter closely affecting the inner life of the people. This is an instance, trivial in itself, but significant nevertheless as showing that the people are still in a state of leading-strings, and that the withdrawal of the foreign Government can only result in carnage and chaos.

PRESSURE OF EXISTENCE.

IT was about four months ago that I referred in this column to the pressure of existence in Bombay, which was bearing hard upon the middle and the poor classes of the population. The pressure has been steadily increasing ever since, and the people are dismayed to find something like a famine in a year of plenty. The house rent has gone up by leaps and bounds, but the rise can be explained by the transition stage through which the city is passing under the operations of the Improvement Trust. It is believed by competent authorities that when the open spaces have been built over, there will be sufficient accommodation for the needs of the people, and this is expected to happen in five years' time, when the rents will revert to something like their normal level. There has also been a corresponding rise in the price of food stuffs of all kinds from 50 to 100 per cent. and although various explanations are current, none of them appears to afford a satisfactory solution of the phenominon. One says that the scarcity is due to the shortage of railway waggons, on account of which the grain, which is rotting up-country cannot be brought to Bombay. Another controverts this statement by saying that it is the districts which are suffering from scarcity, and that is because the food grown there is transported to the cause the food grown there is transported to the Bombay market. A third is convinced that the imported drink and not with arrack, which has been called the 'wine of the country' This omission makes it impossible to answer the question on behalf of the whole population; further, the consumption of gin has very largely increased amongst the native population. While probably in 1876 there was little or no wine drunk by any but Europeans, to-day cheap champagne is produced at villagers' weddings. Liquids called 'port,' 'claret,' and 'sherry' can now be purchased in the bazaars of the larger villages. These concoctions are not made locally, but bear the names of Continental 'wine merchants.'

RELIGIOUS SUBJECTS IN VERNACULAR TEXT BOOKS.

There is a lesson in the Gujerati Sixth Book (new series) entitled "Mahomed and Islam," which has given great offence to the Mahomedan community. The lesson embodies a few leading facts about the Prophet and his religion. The word, Mahomed, recurs often in the lesson without being coupled with any of the usual titles of honour, such as Nabi, or Hazrat, or Saheb. Such an appendage is not necessary whenever the name of the Prophet is mentioned; but its omission altogether is regarded by his followers as a slight. I suppose that they would have had no cause for complaint, if one of the honorific titles had been occasionally coupled with his name, because they would then have been satisfied that befitting reverence had been paid to the founder of their religion. The objection raised by them to the form of the language used in referring to the Prophet is more valid. According to the vernacular idiom, the pronoun standing for a noun should be in the plural, as a mark of respect to the person for whom it is used. The singular form usually carries with it the idea of a slight, although it is not supposed to be implied, when it is used with reference to the departed great. It may be taken as beyond question that no disrespect was intended by the writer of the lesson. But in religious matters the susceptibilities of Eastern people are most acute and are easily aroused; and it is now announced that the Government will be willing to make in future editions of the books the necessary alterations, in deference to the feelings of a community which is nothing if not intensely religious. I understand that the vernacular series includes lessons on the religions of the Jains and the Parsis, and that members of these communities have also spied out similar shortcomings which they are going to lay before the authorities. The Parsis have always vehemently repudiated the charge of being fire or sun-worshippers. But the offending lesson would seem to inculcate that they are worshipping both these luminaries. It were much to be wished that the Vernacular Text Book Committee had kept clear of dangerous quicksands by omitting religious subjects altogether. However carefully such lessons may be prepared, there is no saying where an offence may be found to lurk in them by the sensitive votaries of the religion concerned. By avoiding religious subjects, the Committee would have better and more strictly observed the principle of religious neutrality, which the Government have so wisely laid down in their relations with the subject races.

DION.

THE POONA SEASON.

Rain and Ribbons.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JULY 23.

The clerk of the weather seems to have a grudge against Kirkee Monsoon Race meetings! Saturday afternoon was very blustery and unpleasant, making difficult that entente cordiale between one's hair and one's hat, which one expects to maintain. Though the rain held off obligingly, light and airy fabrics were distinctly out of court, and tailored garments de règle. Mrs. Dyson wore a workmanlike coat and skirt of white face cloth, the pointed bodice neatly trimmed with black and white; Mrs. Wanless O'Gowan wore a mauve [illegible] while Mrs. Butler was gowned in a [illegible] of the same colour. Mrs. Jellett had [illegible] artistic pastel shades of grey and blue, [illegible] laden chapeau and pale blue scarf completed [illegible] dainty toilette. Mrs. Rowlandson was in black; Miss Cooper wore chocolate-brown with [illegible] match; Lady Edgerley, who is very seldom seen at gatherings of Saturday's genre, was in blue. Mrs. Curtis, in oyster-white souple cloth, had a capeline of the same material, trimmed with broad passementerie, and wore therewith a black orin chapeau with a white ostrich plume.

Since I wrote the above, the monsoon seems to have set in with full force and we have had very heavy rain during the last twenty-four hours. It was found impracticable to make a commencement in working off the Tennis Tournament, as the light was very bad and the courts soft, but we must not grumble over disappointments of this kind, as the rain is much needed and is sure to be very beneficial to the country. Luckily, it had no effect in damping the spirits or quenching the hilarity of the many dancers who arrived at the Gymkhana last night to enjoy the usual fortnightly Cinderella, and though the weather prevented any promenading outside, the floor, which was extremely slippery throughout, was the gainer. The 121st Pioneers again supplied the music, and "rippin' good music" it was, as one of my partners informed me! By the way, why do we have music in the Gymkhana on the afternoons of Dance nights? Most of us have either not time to look in at the Club, or if we do turn up we must leave early to go home to dress. Last week, for example, there was practically no one in the Gymkhana on Tuesday evening, the night of Government House Ball, yet the Band played away gaily to empty chairs. Why not put off the Band, I might suggest to the Secretary, till an afternoon when we should all be present to enjoy it?

Apropos of clothes, I noticed some pretty dresses last night at the Cinderella. Mrs. Stewart, in black satin, the décolletage adorned with a berthe of white point de Venise, brought Miss Warden, gowned in blue and pink muslin. Mrs. Curtis wore a striking white sequined corselet over black, with touches of emerald green. Mrs. Wright also wore black and green, with a diamond necklace of lovely design. Mrs. McPherson's black costume was dotted with shining paillettes, while her sister Miss Reynolds looked well in blue. Mrs. Rowlandson was in mauve, and Mrs. Florence, a new arrival in Poona, had a pretty robe of white-embroidered black muslin, with a becoming knot of scarlet chiffon in her hair. Mrs. Batchelor wore white glace; Miss McIver was in scarlet; Mrs. Bain, in black, had becomingly arranged undersleeves and tucker of soft white chiffon; and Miss Alexander, who was dancing merrily, was in pale blue silk.

Lord Lamington is having a very busy and trying week, putting the finishing touches to his administrative career, and bidding farewell to friends, many of whom, as I am sure must occur to him, he may never come across again. This "sadness of farewell"—how it permeates life, but especially life in India! However, it cannot but be a consolation to His Excellency to know that everyone is sorry for his enforced departure, and sympathises with him in its cause. This afternoon Sir Cowasjee and Lady Jehangir are giving a large "At Home," to which all their friends are invited "to have the honour of meeting His Excellency"; to-night he dines at the Club of Western India, as the guest of about seventy members; tomorrow Mr. Puddumjee is giving an evening entertainment in his honour, to which all Poona Society, European and Native, have been asked, and on Thursday, we are bidden to a Garden Party at Ganeshkhind, the last official entertainment of H. E. the Governor! *Le roi est mort!—Vive le roi!*

PEREGRINA.

MR. E. B. DENHAM writes in the Ceylon Customs Administration Report for 1906:—"Do we drink more than we did thirty years ago? It is hard to say. We can only deal in these comparisons with imported drink and not with arrack, which has been called the 'wine of the country' This omission makes it impossible to answer the question on behalf of the whole population; further, the consumption of gin has very largely increased amongst the native population. While probably in 1876 there was little or no wine drunk by any but Europeans, to-day cheap champagne is produced at villagers' weddings. Liquids called 'port,' 'claret,' and 'sherry' can now be purchased in the bazaars of the larger villages. These concoctions are not made locally, but bear the names of Continental 'wine merchants.'

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

FURTHER DEBATE DAYS IMPOSSIBLE.

Social and Moral Progress.

A LARGE SUBJECT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JULY 24.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Jardine asked whether, in view of the social and moral changes in India and of the vastness of her political, financial, and commercial interests, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman would assign more time to the discussion of Indian affairs.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman replied: The House of Commons is undoubtedly concerned in those interests, but it is impossible to give any further time this Session.

No amount of time, he added, would suffice if the House of Commons sought to control the complex and delicate elements of social and moral changes.

WOMEN AND LOCAL COUNCILS.

Bill Passes the Lords.

LONDON, JULY 23.

The House of Lords has passed the Third Reading of the Bill for making women eligible for County and Borough Councils.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

Negotiations not Completed.

AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO LONDON.

LONDON, JULY 23.

The Ambassador to St. Petersburg has arrived in London in connection with the Anglo-Russian negotiations. They are making good progress, but there are still questions being discussed, and anything in the nature of a definite agreement cannot be expected for some weeks at the earliest.

GERMANY AND ABYSSINIA.

Export of Arms Permitted.

LONDON, JULY 23.

An order has been gazetted in Berlin, withdrawing the prohibition of the export of arms to Abyssinia.

THE ARMY BILL.

Passage Through the Lords.

LONDON, JULY 24.

The House of Lords has unanimously passed the Third Reading of the Territorial Army Bill.

EAST AFRICA.

Government's Helpful Intentions.

THE CONDITION OF THE NATIVES.

LONDON, JULY 24.

Sir Frederick Fryer presided at the East African banquet.

Mr. Antrobus, Assistant Under Secretary, Colonial Office, said the Government would do everything in their power to promote the prosperity of the country.

Sir Clement Hill said it was the first duty of England to safeguard the natives of Africa. The present safe conditions in East Africa were, he said, due to this policy.

THE "KAISER WILHELM."

Successfully Refloated.

LONDON, JULY 24.

The s.s. *Kaiser Wilhelm* has been re-floated.

THE JAPANESE LOAN.

Fall in Value.

LONDON, JULY 23.

The Japanese Loan has been closed. It is at 1¼ per cent. discount, after touching 1½ per cent. discount.

It is now officially admitted that the Underwriters take 48 per cent. of the amount.

TENNIS.

Australasia Wins the Davis Cup.

LONDON, JULY 23.

In the Davis Cup, Gore and Barrett beat Brookes and Wilding by 3 sets to 2. Gore beat Wilding by 3—1 and Brookes beat Barrett by 3—0, Australasia winning the trophy.

DERELICT KINGSWAY.

Strand Site Leased at Last.

("EMPIRE" SPECIAL.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

The London County Council has given an option to a French Syndicate to lease the vacant site lying between the Strand and Kingsway for the purposes of holding an Exhibition. The rental asked is £55,000.

VENDETTA VICTIM.

New York Street Tragedy.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

Mr. Tavshanjian, the richest Armenian in New York, has been shot dead in the street as the result of a Vendetta.

He had refused help to the Revolutionists.

ARMY MANŒUVRES.

Siege of Chatham.

JAPANESE OFFICERS PRESENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JULY 24.

The Duke of Connaught yesterday accompanied the Japanese Officers that are visiting England and inspected the progress of the seige of Chatham which was mentioned on the 9th June as forming part of the Manœuvres scheme.

The place has been invested with a large composite force including sixteen brigades of artillery. Mining and countermining has been proceeding for weeks and culminated yesterday in the explosion of twelve hundred pounds of explosives destroying the countermines and forming craters among the chalk hills which the infantry occupied with a view to storming.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Indian Labour to be Indentured.

LONDON, JULY 24.

A telegram from Pietermaritzburg states that the Legislature has rejected by 25 to 9 the abolition of indentured labour and passed a motion that Government negociate with India through Lord Elgin for the repatriation of coolies on the conclusion of their indentures.

PEKING TO PARIS RACE.

LONDON, JULY 24.

Prince Borghese has arrived at Kazan yesterday evening.

SIR H. McCALLUM.

Received by the King.

LONDON, JULY 24.

His Majesty the King yesterday received in audience Sir Henry McCallum on the occasion of his appointment to the Governorship of Ceylon.

MAHARAJA OF BIKANIR'S PROTEST.

Mr. Whibley Denies Authorship of the Article.

LONDON, JULY 24.

Mr. Charles Whibley denies the authorship of the article in *Blackwood's Magazine* referred to by the Maharaja of Bikanir.

PARLIAMENTARY VACANCY.

Sir Frederick Rasch M. P., Resigns.

LONDON, JULY 24.

Sir Frederick Rasch resigns his seat in Parliament (for the Chelmsford division) on account of ill health.

CRICKET.

Riot at a Match.

GAME ABANDONED.

LONDON JULY, 23.

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by ten wickets and Notts beat Gloucester by an innings and 38 runs.

LONDON, JULY 24.

Owing to a wet wicket there was no play yesterday at Lords and the crowd noisily demanded a resumption of play and trampled on the wicket.

Maclaren thereupon refused to continue the match which has been abandoned.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

The crowd at Lords, annoyed at the delay in commencing play in the Middlesex *vs.* Lancashire match, owing to the state of the ground, hooted the players and, breaking on to the field, kicked up the pitch.

MacLaren declared the match abandoned.

NEW P. AND O. MAIL CONTRACT.

Protest from the Punjab Chamber.

INADEQUACY OF ACCELERATION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JULY 24.

The Punjab is badly hit by the new Mail Contract under which the P. and O. Company engage for seven years, from the 1st of February next, to shorten the run from Brindisi to Bombay by only eight hours.

The Punjab Chamber of Commerce has circularised the Bengal, Bombay, Karachi and Cawnpore Chambers on the subject, pointing out that they hold this acceleration to be totally inadequate and it appears absurd that the Mail Contract for the next seven years should be fixed at a speed which the P. and O. Company can now easily exceed.

In conclusion, the Punjab Chamber inquires whether the other Chambers would be willing to join in a joint protest against the confirmation of provisional contract.

PLAGUE IN PESHAWAR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JULY 24.

It is reported from Peshawar that the city and a part of the district have suffered a good deal from plague.

Until last month, the Frontier Province had enjoyed complete immunity from plague in any form and the mortality has not been great. But both in Peshawar and Dera Ismail Khan it has been sufficient to interfere seriously with Mission work.

In both these places the hospitals for men and women show a great fall in the attendance of patients. The Girls Schools in Peshawar have had to be closed and the Boys High School in Dera Ismail Khan has found it necessary to close for the holidays earlier than usual.

The Mission College and High School in Peshawar have kept open, but the attendance has been seriously affected.

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

Inaugural Meeting.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, JULY 24.

The first meeting of the recently constituted Mysore Legislative Council opened at three o'clock this afternoon in the Mysore Government Council Chamber. The Dewan of Mysore, Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, C. I. E., presided and seven official and five non-official members were present. Mr. Madhava Rao delivered an interesting inaugural address of which the following is a summary:—

THE DEWAN'S SPEECH.

The Dewan said they were standing on the threshhold of an important constitutional experiment, the second of its kind that has been under taken since the rendition. The inauguration of the Representative Assembly 25 years ago, has been fully justified by the useful work it has done, and that for the second time they were broadening the base of administration by inviting co-operation of a number of official and non-official gentlemen in the discharge of the most important functions of Government, namely, that of legislation. He stated then the objects intended to be secured by the Council. He, afterwards referring to the tendency in some quarters to question the practical value of this measure to the effect that the Government have proceeded with unnecessary caution in constituting the Council, said, they have withheld the power of interpellation and discussion of the budget, and the selecting of non-official members has been kept entirely in the hands of Government. The speaker proceeded first to reply to another criticism, namely, that the Council, as originally constituted, did not include representatives from the different communities and interests in the State. Replying to this the Dewan expressed his view that the most efficient constitution is not so much based on the representation of different communities and interests in the State—a course which is found to be attended with practical difficulties—as one that ensures that the members selected are qualified by ability and attainments to assist Government in the enactment of laws and to understand and give proper form to views and sentiments of the people, and for this purpose provision has been made for particular communities and interests affected by the proposed legislation being represented by Select Committees.

As regards the power of interpellation he pointed out how much more cautiously a Native State like Mysore has to move in such matters than the British Government and that there was not the same necessity for granting such powers to the Mysore Legislative Council, since Mysore already possesses a Representatives Assembly where such representations may be made, information obtained and replies elicited from Government.

As regard this selection of members he was far from denying the desirability of having non-official members elected by a properly defined electorate, and he had no doubt the Maharaja would see his way to extend this further privilege to his people. It was simply a matter of time, and this step has only been postponed till sufficient experience has been gained as to the most suitable mode of giving effect to this principle.

Regarding the objection that non-official members nominated are mostly retired Government officials the Dewan said that far from this being looked upon as a disqualification he considered the Council is to be congratulated on having secured the services of so many men who are ready to place their mature experience and intelligence at the disposal of the Council, and these are of people who live in the country and have large share in the stability and good of the Government of the State. If they make good laws they benefit from them in common with their fellow-subjects, but if they help to enact bad laws they have to share the disadvantages of such laws. They have every claim to represent the people and are such as would under the system of election secure the suffrages of any intelligent electorate.

He concluded by saying that as far as conditions in Mysore are concerned there is no meaning in the antithesis set up between official and non-official view of a question or views entertained by Government and those entertained by the people, for here the Government is all centred in the Maharaja who has in governmental matters no interests apart from the people, and as regards their Ruler he might say with the Poet Kalidasa "For the welfare of the subjects themselves he used to take taxes from them as the Sun takes water from the earth to return it thousandfold in the shape of rain."

Mr. V. N. Narashima Iyengar replied on behalf of the non-official members saying that they looked upon this institution as the recognition and fruition of a grand central principle that the interests of a sovereign and his subjects are identical and that it is indispensable in the cause of good and progressive government that the ruler should be in sympathetic touch with his subjects and that he should take into his consideration the sentiments and aspirations of the people in every measure of legislation undertaken for their benefit. He was sure the results of the present experiment will be watched outside Mysore territories with interest and that much discretion and self-restraint are required to prevent their efforts becoming abortive. In conclusion he expressed the hope that in the fulness if time the Government will see fit to enlarge the constitution and powers of the Council and that it may be allowed to take share with Government in the administration of the country.

The business before the meeting was then proceeded with, the First Councillor, Mr. Ananda Rao, moving for permission to introduce into the Council the Village Officers Bill and an amendment to the Court Fee Regulation. The motion being duly seconded was carried.

The Second Councillor, Mr. Puttana Chetty, moved in an interesting speech for the introduction of the Mysore Police Bill, stating the objects for which legislation in regard to police administration was required. This motion was also carried when the President announced that the meeting was adjourned till the 28th August when it would again assemble to discuss the draft bills and appoint Select Committees for the due consideration of the measures.

MANUFACTURE OF PAPER IN BURMA.

Concession to Encourage the Industry.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 25.

A Press Note is issued here giving particulars of the report by Mr. Sindall on the conditions under which paper and paper pulp might be manufactured in Burma and enumerating concessions which the Government of Burma are prepared to offer to encourage the establishment of mills for the manufacture of these products from bamboos and other materials.

HALARI NEW YEAR.

Celebration in Navanagar.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, JULY 24.

The 12th of July having been the commencement of the Halari New Year a magnificent Durbar was held by His Highness the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, the Premier State in Halar, which was attended by Mr. P. S. V. Fitzgerald the Political Agent, a number of ladies and gentlemen, the State Officials and the bankers, mahajans and merchants of Navanagar.

After witnessing the Nautch and distribution of flowers, the Agent and the Jam Saheb exchanged most cordial greetings, "Nazaranas" were presented to His Highness, who in turn presented a Dress of Honour to the Diwan in appreciation of his good work in the State and especially during the Installation. The Diwan thanked His Highness for the honour done him by such an enlightened and distinguished Chief.

After the Durbar His Highness went to pay his respects to his mother and to the widowed Ranees of the late Jams. The Ranees expressed their great gratitude and sent presents of flowers and fruit to His Highness.

MOROCCO'S SCOTTISH GENERAL.

PLIGHT OF SIR HARRY MACLEAN, K.C.M.G.

Held to Ransom by Raisuli.

A ROMANTIC CAREER.

It is now more than three weeks since Raisuli successfully carried out the most daring, though not the most difficult, coup in his amazing career—the kidnapping of the Sultan's chief kaid, Sir Harry Maclean. During this three weeks Sir Harry has been a prisoner in the hands of Raisuli, who is moving him from pillar to post, in the effort to prevent the Kaid being recovered by the Sultan's emissaries. The last telegram sent to Bombay concerning the position of Raisuli gives no immediate hope of the freeing of his distinguished prisoner. It stated that the mission of Shereef Wazan to secure the release of Sir Harry Maclean had proved a complete failure, and that Shereef Wazan had returned to Alcazar. The Shereef was supposed to have great influence with the tribes, and he was deputed by the Sultan of Morocco to endeavour to move them to secure the release of the Scottish kaid. But it now appears that Raisuli's influence with the tribes is greater than the Shereef's, and so Sir Harry Maclean's captivity is likely to become a prolonged affair. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean has informed the British Legation that he is well treated by Raisuli, and has been permitted to pitch his camp at Lhamaz.

It is reported that Raisuli's demands are as follows:—

Reinstatement as Governor of the Lfahaz district, near Tangier.

Withdrawal of the Imperial troops now in Alcazar Kebir and Tangier.

The rebuilding of his house at Zinat.

A large sum of money as ransom.

Like many other achievements of the notorious Raisuli, his present feat has a touch of humour in it. Sir Harry Maclean had arrived from Fez at a place called Alcazar Kebik, whence he was proceeding to Lhamaz, to meet Raisuli. He took with him a letter from the Sultan, and some presents from the Moorish Sovereign, which were to be handed to the brigand chief. "It is reported," a correspondent added, "that the Sultan pardons Raisuli if he agrees to live in Fez." But it now looks as though Raisuli, far from trusting the Sultan, intended all the time to put himself in a position to make his own terms, and to that end has seized on the person of the monarch's trusted messenger. It will be interesting to know what the Powers propose to do in view of this latest outrage. Of course, it must be recollected that Sir Harry Maclean is exclusively the servant of the Sultan, and the affair, in the first instance, must be regarded as between the Sultan and Raisuli. But unless a settlement is reached quickly, it is not inconceivable that France and Spain, the "police Powers" appointed under the Algeciras Convention, may feel obliged to intervene. But Raisuli is a very slippery customer, and hitherto all efforts to bring him to book have failed.

Sir Harry Maclean, the latest of Raisuli's captures, has had a romantic career. Born in Scotland fifty-nine years ago, he entered the Warwickshire Regiment. About thirty years since, when he was stationed at Gibraltar, he crossed over to Tangier, and so much impressed the Sultan, that soon afterwards it was announced that he had been appointed military instructor to the Moroccan Army. For thirty years he has been settled in this unrestful kingdom. It need hardly be added that during this period, when he has been virtually, though not actually, commander of the army, his life has been crowded with incident, but this latest experience is quite the most remarkable. He is a man of small stature, much resource, and great courage, who has adopted the manners, costume, and customs of the Moors, but has remained British in his interests and Scottish at heart. It was a characteristic act on his part to introduce the bagpipes of his native land into Morocco, eventually forming a corps to discourse this strange music, which the Moors are said to have regarded as closely resembling their own musical efforts. Though the Kaid has lived so long in this hot-bed of intrigue, encompassed with much Oriental magnificence at his palace at Fez, he has managed to steer clear of the devious ways of international politics.

One of the most daring acts in his career occurred when he was on the march with the late Sultan, and was passing through a district inhabited by turbulent tribes. Uneasy lies the head of a live Moorish Sultan, though he have a religious, as well as a secular, hold on the people, but a dead Sultan is a danger to all and sundry. Consequently, when Mulai el Hassan died during the march, worn out by fatigue, Sir Harry Maclean suddenly found himself in an embarrassing position. He dared not let the news of his master's death become known on account of the claimants who would spring up, one of whom might succeed in establishing himself in the capital before the Kaid could reach it. So the body of the dead ruler was born on its way in all the splendour and ceremony of State, as though Mulai el Hasan were still the arbiter of fate in the unrestful kingdom, until at last Fez was reached, and then, as soon as the rightful successor had been communicated with, the Kaid announced that the Sultan was dead, and long live the Sultan. Thus all trouble was averted.

Sir Harry Maclean received the K.C.M.G. in 1901, when he was in England with the Moorish envoys. Usually his daughter lives with him in Morocco. Now, however, the Kaid is evidently the only guest of the brigand chief, whose remarkable career and commanding—if not charming—personality has become familiar on account of his successful captures, first of Mr. Perdicardis, an American, whose ransom amounted to £11,000, and subsequently of Mr. Harris. For years he has been in revolt, after a brief and stormy period as Governor of the province of Tangier.

BUDHIST CUSTOMS AND PLAGUE.

Opposition to Sanitary Laws.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, JULY 24.

The Rangoon Sanitary authorities are experiencing no end of trouble and obstruction from the Burmese community in consequence of their great desire to sustain past traditions in regard to the observance offuneral obsequies of Buddhist priests. Recently one of the oldest and most revered of Buddhist priests died from plague and, according to custom, his body was placed in a coffin which it was desired to keep exposed for adoration for three or four months before the ceremony of cremation took place. Owing to numerous cases of plague taking place at funerals where deceased persons have died from this epidemic the Municipal Health Officer of Rangoon ordered the body of the deceased Buddhist monk to be cremated forthwith in order to protect the Burmese community, attending such funeral, from contagion.

As a result of this order the Burmese community have petitioned the Burma Government not to give immediate effect to such an order because there is at present the body of another Buddhist priest—also a victim of plague—still lying exposed for reverence in a hermetically sealed coffin in one of the monasteries situated in the same area where the last priest has died.

Public opinion in Rangoon strongly condemns the practice of keeping bodies of plague-striken Buddhist monks encased in coffins for as long as six months for the purpose of reverence before they are cremated, and it is to be hoped that this breach of the most elemantary principles of sanitation will not be permitted by the Burma Government.

THE natives in the Burgherdorp district of Cape Colony have purchased a thoroughly equipped hearse for the conveyance of their dead to the burial ground, and have fixed on it a brass plate, with the inscription, "Queen Victoria Memorial Hearse."

THE CAPTIVE KAID.

[SPECIALLY DRAWN FOR THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE" FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.] *Pioneer Process Photo-Engr.*

GENERAL SIR HARRY MACLEAN, K.C.M.G.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

Lieut. F. C Jenkin, R.G.A., having handed over the Adjutancy of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery to Lieut. Fisher, Bombay Volunteer Artillery, on 22nd July, is directed to proceed to Poona to take up the appointment of Offg. A. D. C. to the General Officer Commanding 6th (Poona) Division.

Arrivals and departures:—The following arrivals and departures are published:—

NORTHERN ARMY.

Arrivals.—Major W. F. Shakespear, 6th Cavalry ex s. s. "Marmora," on 14th July; Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Boileau, 5th Cavalry ex s. s. "Oriental," on 12th July; Lieutenant L. R. M. Ford, R. W. Fusrs. ex s. s. "Armand Behic," on 18th July; Captain J. Mckenzie, R.A.M.C, Major W. J. Ottley, 34th Sikh Pioneers, Colonel H. T. Butcher, R.G.A. Major W. K. McLeod, R.F.A. ex s. s. "Persia," on 19th July. Lieutenant A. C. Tancock, Khyber Rifles ex s. s. "Armand Behic, on 18th July.

Departures.—Colonel H. Borradaile, 34th Sikh Pioneers, Captain C. J. White, 53rd Sikhs, Major G. N. Colvile, Oxfordshire Lt. Infy, Lieutenant J. Matson, Asst. Dir. Farms, Lieutenant V. C. P. Hodson, 10th Lancers, Lieutenant C. H. La Touche, 16th Cavalry, Captain D. S. O'Keeffe, I.M.S., Lieutenant R. K. Lynch-Staunton, R.H.A., Nursing Sister J. R. Wilson, Captain S. B. Smith, R.A.M.C., Captain B. C. Graham, 1st P. W. O. Gurkha Rifles, Colonel H. H. Smythe, late R. F. Fusiliers, Lieut.-Colonel L. N. Herbert, 19th Punjabis, Major A. B. Lougden, 37th Dogras, Brigadier-General F. A. Bowles, Captain W. G. K. Gough, 15th Sikhs, Captain H. E. Street, R.F.A., Lieutenant W. A. S. deGale, 5th Cavalry, per s. s. "Arabia," on 20th July.

SOUTHERN ARMY.

Arrivals.—Colonel D. S. Lewis, 83rd W. Lt., Infy. ex s. s. "Marmora," on 14th July; Major-General A. G. F. Browne, ex s. s. "Oriental," on 12th July; Lieutenant E. R. L. Browning, 1st Brahmans, Captain J. F. Whelan, R.A.M.C, Colonel B. B. Russell, R.E., Captain J. A. D. Langhorne, R. G. A., Captain J. Macpherson, 124th Infy. Colonel W. H. E. Murray, Royal Scots, ex. s. s. "Persia," on 19th July.

Departures.—Lieut.-Colonel C. F. Whyte, 117th Mahrattas, per s. s. "Balduino," on 15th July; Lieut.-Colonel C. A. S. Montgomery, 108th Infantry, Lieut.-Colonel H. L. Smith, E. Surrey Regiment, Lieut.-Colonel E. N. Pedder, 13th Hussars, Lieut.-Colonel A. Stokes, R.F.A., Lieut. H. G. Sherren, R.A.M.C., Lieut. J. Fairbairn, R.A.M.C., Lieut.-Colonel C. J. Sarkies, I.M.S., Lieut.-Colonel G. B. Smith, R.G.A., Lieut. H. B. LeD. Tree, 113th Infantry, per s. s. "Arabia," on 20th July; Captain A. S. Evans, R.E., Lieutenant G. Adshead, Cheshire Regiment, Lieut. R. Mallinson, Cheshire Regiment, Major E. C. B. Cotgrave, 38th P. W. O. C. I. Horse, per s. s. "Scindia" on 21st June; Lieut. H. Messenger, E. Surrey Regiment, per s. s. "Ville de Ciotat," on 22nd June.

BOMBAY, ARRIVAL,—JULY 24.—Jenkin-Lt. R. A., to rejoin from Poona.

DEPARTURES, JULY 24.—Davidson, Capt. R. A. M. C. on leave to Australia.

Clarke, Lt. S. and T. Corps on leave to Calcutta.

Shairp, Capt. S. and T. Corps on transfer to Rangoon.

Hastings, Lt, 92 Punjabis, on leave, to Ahmedabad.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 24.

Captain K. R. Hamilton of Oxford Light Infantry has been selected for the Adjutancy of the 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. H. Light of the Indian Army is permitted to reside out of India.

Colonel G. C. Dobbs, Indian Army, is permitted to retire from the 7th of July.

The following Royal Field Artillery postings are ordered:—

Major Phillotts to 144th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

Major Manley, to the 18th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

Lieutenant Cameron to the 75th Battery.

Lieut. Heygate to the 83rd Battery.

Lieutenant E. S. Hay to the 30th Battery.

Lieutenant Cree to the 44th Battery.

Lieut Stillwell to the 40th Battery.

Lieut Eddis to the 45th Battery.

Lieut Vickery to the 62nd Battery.

2nd Lieutenant Watson to the 64th Battery.

2nd Lieutenant Hallett to the 41st Battery.

The Secretary of State for India has approved of Good Service Pensions being conferred on Major General D. Hutchinson, Indian Army, and Surgeon-General Bamford, Director-General, Indian Medical Service.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JULY 24.

It was announced some time ago that Lieutenant-General Sir O'Moore Creagh, Commanding the Mhow Division, would take up the post of Military Secretary at the India Office towards the end of this month. Major-General A. F. F. Browne, Commanding the Garhwal Brigade, succeeds Sir O'Moore Creagh in Command of the Mhow Division and Brigadier-General Woollcombe, Commanding the Allahabad Brigade, will be transferred to the Command of the Garhwal Brigade.

Brigadier-General Hall, now officiating in Command of the Garhwal Brigade, returns to his substantive Command of the Fyzabad Brigade, and General Woolcombe will be succeeded at Allahabad by Colonel Keir, R. A. A. A.-G. at Rawalpindi, but now on leave.

THE "JUGANTAR" CASE.

Editor Convicted and Press Confiscated.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

At the Calcutta Police Court Mr. Kingsford delivered a lengthy judgment in the *Jugantar* sedition case, sentencing the accused Editor to one years' rigorous imprisonment. Mr. Kingsford also said:—It having been proved that the Sadhana Printing Press has been used for the commission of the offence, it is ordered that the Press be confiscated.

BOYCOTT MOVEMENT ANNIVERSARY.

Meetings in College Square.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

A meeting was held in College Square last night and was attended by about 400 people, when the speakers advocated the necessity for a proper celebration of the anniversary of the Boycott movement in Bengal, on August 1st.

Kumar Mitra the Editor of the *Sanjibanj* presided, and it is announced that some four other preparatory meetings will be held. At the meeting on the 30th instant, it is expected that Mr. Surendra Nath Banerjee will preside.

CALCUTTA POLICE.

Last Year's Work Reviewed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

Reviewing the Calcutta Police administration for the past year, a Government Resolution is published to-day, in which the Lieutenant-Governor thanks the Commissioner of Police and the officers serving under him for the good work done by them during the year under review.

NAWAB OF DACCA'S PROPERTIES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

A telegram from Dacca, dated July 24, states:—it is rumoured that the Nawab has made over his properties to the Court of Wards, who have accepted them. It is not known exactly what arrangements have been made about their management.

DEATH OF HEMCHUNDER GOSSAIN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

Babu Hemchunder Gossain, a well known millionaire and Zemindar of Serampore, died at his Chowringhee residence yesterday morning.

MAHARAJA OF BURDWAN.

Projected Visit to Europe.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

The Maharaja of Burdwan has apparently appreciated his travels in Europe, as he again proceeds to England next year, when he will be accompanied by the Maharanee and Staff.

BOMBAY AND MADRAS TELEGRAPH LINES.

Interrupted by a Storm.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

The whole of the Bombay and Madras telegraph lines have been interrupted this morning by a storm which appears to have crossed the country some fifty miles from Bombay city.

LORD LAMINGTON'S DEPARTURE.

Arrangements at Poona.

The following are the latest arrangements for the departure of His Excellency the Governor from India:—

His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Lamington, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., Governor of Bombay, will leave Poona on Friday, the 26th July, at 2-45 p. m. His Excellency will start from the Poona Railway Station.

His Excellency will drive from Ganeshkhind to the Poona Railway Station escorted by a Detachment of His Excellency's Body Guard via the Wellesley Bridge, Gadi Thal, Jakati Chowki, Narpatgir Howd, Mangalwar Chowki, Bolia Chowki and Sassoon Road. Under the orders which will be issued by the Military Authorities, a Guard of Honour with Band and Colours will be drawn up at the Station and the road approaching the Station from the direction of Ganeshkhind will be lined by troops. The usual salute will be fired to announce His Excellency's departure as the train leaves the Station.

His Excellency will be received, on arrival at the Poona Railway Station, by the General Officer Commanding 6th (Poona) Division, the Commissioner of Revenue, Central Division, the Additional Members of the Council of His Excellency the Governor for making Laws and Regulations, the General Officer Commanding Poona Brigade, the Inspector-General of Prisons, the Inspector-General of Police, the Director of Public Instruction, the Controller, of Military Accounts, the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, the Collector and District Magistrate, Poona, the District Judge, Poona, the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, the Sanitary Commissioner, the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, the Director of Agriculture, the Heads of Departments, Civil and Military, stationed in Poona, and the Officers Commanding Regiments in Poona and Kirkee, or such of the above high officials as are then in Poona.

The Sardars of the Deccan, the President of the Poona City Municipality, the President of the Suburban Municipality, or such of the above gentlemen as are then in Poona, are invited to be present on the occasion.

All Officers of his Majesty's Services present in Poona and not otherwise on duty are invited to attend.

Entrance to the Station compound and platform will be by tickets only, which can be obtained on application to the Secretary to Government, Political Department. Space will be reserved as far as possible for such members of the general public as may apply for tickets.

The Public Works Department (Railway) should be requested to issue instructions for the necessary arrangements being made at the Poona Railway Station for His Excellency's departure and for the adequate provision of space for those invited to attend.

The District Superintendent of Police, Poona, will maintain order outside the Railway compound and keep the roads clear.

Full dress will be worn by Officers of Government entitled to wear uniform and morning dress by all others.

BOMBAY PROGRAMME.

His Excellency will take his departure for England in the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Persia* from the Carnac Bandar on Saturday.

The arrangements connected with the departure of His Excellency from the Secretariat will be made by the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and will be timed so that His Excellency may reach the Carnac Bandar at 1-30 p.m.

His Excellency, escorted by a detachment of the Governor's Body Guard, will drive from the Secretariat by the Mayo Road, Esplanade Road, Girgaum Road, Charni Road, Grant Road, Parel Road, Abdul Rahman Street, Carnac Road, Cruickshank Road, Hornby Road, and Carnac Road to the Carnac Bandar. A Guard of Honour will be detailed, under the orders of the General Officer Commanding Bombay Brigade, to receive His Excellency at the Carnac Bandar, and the roads from the Municipal Office to the Bandar will be lined by troops of the Garrison.

His Excellency will be received at the Bandar by the Chief Justice of Bombay, the Members of Council, the Judges of the High Court, the General Officer Commanding 6th (Poona) Division, the Chief Secretary to Government, the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, the Commissioners of Revenue and Customs, the Additional Members of the Council of His Excellency the Governor for making Laws and Regulations, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay, the Director of the Royal Indian Marine, the Roman Catholic Archbishop, the Archdeacon of Bombay, the General Officer Commanding Bombay Brigade, the Secretaries to Government, the Senior Naval Officer at the Station, the Heads of Departments, Civil and Military, the Collector of Bombay, the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, the Officers Commanding His Majesty's Ships in Harbour, the Officers Commanding Royal Indian Marine Ships in Harbour, the Officers Commanding Regiments, the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, and the Sheriff of Bombay, or by such of the above high Officials as are then in the Presidency Town, for whom a space marked A will be reserved.

The Consular representatives of Foreign Governments are invited to be present on the occasion and a space marked B will be reserved for them at the Bandar.

Accommodation will be reserved at the Bandar in a space marked C for any Native Chiefs, who being in Bombay, may have intimated to the Secretary to Government, Political Department, their desire to be present.

All Officers of His Majesty's Services, Civil, Naval, Military and Royal Indian Marine, and Officers belonging to Corps of Volunteers then in Bombay, will be provided with seats as far as space is available. To all such who wish to attend cards of admission to space D will be supplied on application to the Executive Engineer, Presidency. The same Officer will also issue cards of admission to space A to any Heads of Departments, not specified by name in paragraph 4, who may intimate that they will be present. For all other officials and persons mentioned in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 no cards will be necessary. As far as accommodation in space C is available, it will be allotted to any ladies or gentlemen who may apply for tickets to the Executive Engineer.

The Commissioner of Police will arrange for the maintenance of order and for keeping the streets clear.

Full Dress will be worn by all Officers of Government entitled to wear uniform and morning dress by all others.

A salute of 17 guns will be fired on the embarkation taking place. The Director of the Royal Indian Marine should be requested to make, in consultation with the Senior Naval Officer, the necessary arrangements for His Excellency Lord Lamington's embarkation. A deputation consisting of the Chief Secretary to Government, the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and one of His Excellency's Aides-de-Camp will accompany His Excellency Lord Lamington from the Bandar to the steamer.

All honours due to the Governor of Bombay will be paid to His Excellency Lord Lamington until he passes Aden.

ADDRESSES OF FAREWELL.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following address has been sent to his Excellency by Mr. C. H. Armstrong on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Wallace Alexander Napier Cochrane-Baillie, Lord Lamington, G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., etc., Governor of Bombay.

MY LORD,—On the eve of your departure for Europe, after having held for over three-and-a-half years with marked success the Governorship of this Presidency, the Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce have asked me, on behalf of the Members, to assure you of the great regret with which they have heard of your sudden departure from our midst.

2. The time at your disposal is now so limited and so full of engagements that I trust this letter will be accepted in place of an Address, which the Chamber would have been very glad to have had the opportunity of presenting to one who has taken so keen an interest in their affairs and in everything

that has concerned the trade, shipping and industries of this Port.

3. The regrettable cause which has led Your Excellency to resign your high position, is much deplored by the Mercantile Community of this City, who feel that since Her Excellency's departure from Bombay your work must have been hampered by a constant anxiety, and that in addition you have had to undertake many social duties which in happier circumstances you would have been relieved of. It is the earnest hope of all the Members of this Chamber that Her Excellency's health may soon again be restored.

4. The great interest Your Lordship has taken in the trade of our Port during the few years you have dwelt amongst us has been greatly appreciated, and much regret is expressed that you cannot complete your term of office to advise on several important matters which must shortly be settled, and on which the experience you have gained of our needs would be most valuable when these questions come up for decision.

5. The tact and sympathy with which you have dealt with all classes of the community have won for you their esteem and friendship; and your period of office will long be remembered as one in which the relations between Government and the people were of the most friendly character.

6. We hope therefore that ere long we shall hear that Your Lordship has again been appointed to a high position under the Crown, for which by your courtesy, your innate fairness and kindness, and your keen interest in all that concerns the people under your charge, you are so well fitted.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

As an urgent matter the Bombay Municipal Corporation will, at their meeting this afternoon, consider the proposition from the Hon'ble Sir Pherozeshah M. Mehta to present a farewell address to H. E. Lord Lamington on his departure to England next Saturday. The address will be presented to His Excellency at the Secretariat about noon or in the pavilion at the Carnac Bundar, before he embarks.

Salutes of 17 guns will be fired from the old Saluting Battery, Apollo Bunder, at 6-30 p.m. on Friday, the 26th instant, and at 1-30 p.m. on Saturday the 27th instant, to announce the arrival and departure of His Excellency the Governor.

The weather will not permit of the Salutes being fired from the Middle Ground Battery.

NATIVE CHIEFS' VISITS.

Several native Chiefs have come and are coming to Bombay to pay a visit to His Excellency Lord Lamington.

THE THAKORE SAHIB OF RAJKOT.

The Thakore Sahib of Rajkot arrived in Bombay by the Ahmedabad Mail yesterday morning and left for Poona by the 3 o'clock train from the Victoria Terminus.

VISIT OF H. H. RANJITSINGHI.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, JULY 24.

News from Kathiawar states that His Highness the Jam Saheb Ranjitsinghji has passed through here on a visit to Lord Lamington, they being great personal friends.

His Highness Ranjitsinghi, the Jam Shri of Navanagar arrived in Bombay yesterday morning by the Ahmedabad Mail and alighted at the Church Gate Station. His Highness was given a very cordial reception by the large number of his subjects now living in Bombay. He drove to the Taj Mahal Hotel and stayed there until 2-30 in the afternoon. His Highness then drove to the Bori Bunder Railway Station and left for Poona by the 3 o'clock mail.

HEAVY RAIN IN POONA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JULY 24.

It is very many years since Poona has had experience of such torrential rain as during the last two or three days. It has rained persistently and vigorously, and many people who fled from Bombay to Poona to escape the deluge in the latter place found to their dismay that in Poona it was worse. Four inches of rain in three days are scarcely calculated to inundate the capital of the Deccan. The most the heavy rain has done is to swell the Mutha Mulla river abnormally, and the river at the Bund presents to-day a magnificent sight. Crowds of sightseers stood all day on Fitzgerald Bridge to view the glorious mass of the roaring stream. The Bund itself is covered by the water which flows fully four feet above it. The water already overflows the river banks and with a further rise which is possible if the rain continues, the Kirkee road will be threatened with innundation. The river has encroached on land as it has seldom or never done, except during the floods of 1896. Patches of cultivation along the river bank are basins of water. The culverts at Kirkee are three or four feet under water.

At the Royal Connaught Boat Club the lawn has disappeared and the river has burst its bonds and crept to the upper terraces, obliterating the garden completely and threatening at any moment to encroach up to the Club-house. Boating is, of course, out of the question, unless it is done at some risk in the Club compound. The Hilkar's bridge appears to be in hourly danger of being submerged, as the river has risen parallel with the road and even laps the woodwork. Traffic, however, is apparently not unsafe, as to-day crowds of natives were on the bridge and carriages crawled across it.

A catastrophe is reported to have occurred to an unsuspected European Officer of the Survey, who had pitched his camp on the river bank, but had before he could realize the expediency of shifting further from danger, the river rose and engulfed the camp. The unhappy man with his tent, horse and other belongings were swept by the surging tide into the dangerous stream. The gentleman who found himself sudenly floating in the mighty stream clung to a tree for dear life, till a rescue party came in a boat and saved him from the perilous position. Some jerry structures in the outskirts of Poona have crumbled down. Many trees have fallen to-day.

A great many feared that the prospects of Saturday's Extra Meeting would be destroyed by the rain, but the rain [illegible] held off during the afternoon and the training on the course went on hard and some excellent gallops were witnessed.

B.-G.-J.-P. AND M[illegible] VI RAILWAYS.

Arrangements for Passenger Traffic.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, JULY 24.

After all, the Agent has succeeded in prevailing upon the Managers of the Bhownagar-Gondal-Junagad-Porbandar and Morvi Railways to make more efficient arrangements for the convenience of passengers than what at present exist. The new arrangements will come into force early next month.

STEAM TRAMWAYS FOR ASSAM.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

It is proposed to have a steam tramway in Assam connecting Maulvi Bazar and the Srimalgal Railway Station, and between the Assam-Bengal Railway and Sylhet.

RAJKUMAR COLLEGE.

Prize Distribution.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, JULY 24.

The annual prize distribution at the Rajkumar College takes place on the 31st, when the Agent to the Governor will preside.

At the same time he will declare open the Swimming Bath presented by His Highness the Jam Saheb Bahadur.

PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE."

Oxford Varieties.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JULY 5.

The great popularity of "Monsieur Beaucaire," revived this week at the Lyric Theatre for a series of twelve performances, is much better deserved than that of some other pieces that derive from the same school of American romanticism. A certain heavy-handed over-emphasis is the general characteristic of this school; but it does not appear in Mr. Booth Tarkington's play. "Monsieur Beaucaire" is ingenious, alert, bright, picturesque. The cape-and-sword element becomes too prominent towards the close. But it has the great countervailing merit, from the point of view of popular audiences, of providing Mr. Lewis Waller with a part in which he can look "a picture" and act with all the gaiety and gallantry of which he is master. His performance was as spirited as ever, save that his voice showed some traces of fatigue. Miss Millard is very charming as the Lady Mary Carlisle, whose complexion is distinctly becoming to her. Mr. Franklin Dyall is effectively villainous in the part of that miracle of turpitude the Duke of Wintersot; Mr. Owen Roughwood is manly and natural in the part of Major Molyneux; Mr. S. B. Brereton is good as Captain Badger; and that excellent actor Mr. A. E. George makes all that is possible of the too small part of Mr. Rakell. The revival was received with very evident relish by a large audience.

A NEW HUMOURIST.

When Mr. R G. Knowles leaves the Palace upon the conclusion of his present engagement—which will be after his performance on the evening of Saturday, July 13th—his place will be taken by Mr. Walter Kelly, a humourist who is known in his own country as the "Virginia Judge," and thereby hangs a tale, which shall at some future time be told. Mr. Kelly, who reached London a few days ago, is a humourist who looks happy (it is not always so), and, if his great reputation bears the hall-mark of reliability, he possesses the priceless gift of being able to make others so. His special brand of humour consists in the telling of negro stories, and of philosophizing in the soft dialect of the Southern States. Mr. Kelly will begin telling these stories, and, may be, singing a few characteristic songs concerning the coloured person, on Monday, the 15th inst. Meanwhile, he is visiting the green isle of his ancestors. Until the arrival of Mr. Kelly, the Palace programme will undergo no change. And what a very fine programme it is, to be sure. A rival manager remarked the other night that it was beyond doubt the strongest bill at present in London, and that if the Palace was prosperous it richly deserved it, which, in view of the quarter whence it came, was praise indeed. The excellence of this programme, and, for that matter, of others in the West End, only goes to show that there is more sound than sense in the complaint that "turns cannot be had for love or money." Often has one noted the careworn manager and his attendant agent on their arrival from a continental journey in search of talent. Once upon a time they used to go abroad and bring back a sheaf of contracts with acrobats until the public became so tired of human pyramids and "double forwards" that it stayed away in thousands. The acrobat still figures in the bill, but in a diminished degree, and now that audiences are getting what they ask for—amusement in its literal sense—they are going to the music-halls in greater numbers than ever. Even with his acrobats the manager of the Palace has been fortunate (what a very fortunate young man he is, by the way), for in the Bogannys he has the quickest and best act of its kind that London has seen for many a long night. They would make any swift thing at Brooklands look funereal—they come on, do twenty wonderful things like a flash, and are off. That is where, apart from the physical skill of the thing, they are clever—they never give you quite enough. In connexion with Mlle. de Dio's "transformation scena" a novelty is to be introduced tomorrow, when by some process from the stage the whole of the auditorium will be perfumed.

SKETCHES.

A very well known actor who has lately gone over to the music-halls was the other day telling the writer of the difficulties he had encountered in the effort to obtain a booking for a sketch, which, by the by, has since proved highly successful. Said he, "If you show them your sketch, and they express guarded approval, you name what you think is a reasonable salary. Then you get the invariable reply, 'My dear Sir, it's quite impossible. Sketches are not worth anything to us—in fact, they are dead and gone.' Of course, they are neither dead nor gone, but exceedingly alive and always with us; but from the economical point of view the argument is sound." That the sketch—the good one, of course—is very far from being deceased is easily proved by the number to be found in the various programmes of the Metropolis, and to that number will presently be added something quite new from the other side of the Atlantic. This is "The New Coachman" which has been written by two Americans, Mr. Louis Simon and Miss Grace Gardner, and, described as a "straight" farce, produced at the London Pavilion. Mr. Simon says that he has endeavoured to tell, within the space of twenty-five minutes, a coherent story of love and most extraordinary adventure, the central figure of which is a young college student who is paying his first visit to New York. Take this callow youth, have him become the victim of a too generous hospitality, let him be found sleeping late in the day in a hotel "apartment" which has been taken by a young bride and bridegroom, the former of whom mistakes him for the coachman she is to engage, while the muddled fledgeling thinks she is his fiancee, whom he has corresponded with, but has never seen, and you have the materials for as wild an orgy of cross-purposes and mixed meanings as any writer of frenzied farce could desire. "The New Coachman" was, we understand, originally booked for the Palace, but, owing to a re-arrangement of plans the piece was finally secured by Mr. Glenister for the Pavilion.

OXFORD VARIETIES.

Mr. Bert Wickham, quaintly described as the "Herculean Cymro," seems familiar, or rather his feat of holding in check two 8 h. p. motor cars seems so. Was it Bert Wickham who used to do this wonderful act at another variety house a year or so ago? Frankly it does not much matter; the chief thing is that the "turn" has in it just enough of sensationalism to make the Oxford audience hold its breath and nervously crumple up its programme while Mr. Wickham, cool as our English summer, holds the cars just as another man would grab a brace of kicking urchins. What a treasure he would be to the police on the Surrey roads? By the way, the chauffeur who can win £20 by producing an 8 h. p. car that can break away from Wickham is still wanted. In other respects the present Oxford programme is designed to suit all tastes, for here is Mr. Arthur Roberts in broad—exceedingly broad—farce, and Dr. Angelo's Living Porcelains, an exhibition of real artistic beauty which, surely, is as much to the liking of Oxford audiences as anything of the kind could be. Those who, in the heat of argument, have declared that only the nude figure is attractive to the patrons of music-halls should mark the close attention and generous applause which are bestowed upon Dr. Angelo's dainty figures in Sevres and Delft. Here, too, is Miss Kate Traill, once a member of the Australian Ladies' Quartet, who, encouraged doubtless by the immediate success of Miss Margaret Cooper, sings songs to her own accompaniment very pleasantly. Altogether, one finds, as the result of a meditative evening, that the quietly-artistic "turns" are quite as popular as the contributions of the strident comic and the person who accomplishes marvels of physical force and agility.

ROWING.

What many good judges feared, if they did not exactly anticipate, has come about, for there can be no doubt that the reverse sustained by the splendid Leander crew in the Grand Challenge Cup at the hands of the Sport Nautique de Gand eight from Belgium is a tremendous blow to our rowing prestige.

Last year at Henley the famous trophy was won for the first time in its history by a foreign crew. Many had been the endeavours in previous Henleys, when eights from the American Universities of Connell and Pennsylvania, the Vespers R.C., U. S. A., the Argonauts from Canada, as well as several Continental crews tried, but tried in vain to carry off the "Grand" until it was reserved for the Club Nautique de Gand to break the spell in 1906.

Immediately after that victory a controversy started, in which pessimists openly stated that English eight-oared rowing had gone the way of many other sports, while the optimists, with a great show of reason, pointed out that the Belgians had only beaten college crews, in a poorish year, and suggested that all that was wanted to bring the cup back was a strong Leander combination. Well, they got together that combination this year, but with, alas! no better result than that which befell Third Trinity and Trinity Hall last July.

True, the Englishmen this time made a magnificant race of it, leading indeed until the last 200 yards or so, but in the end the crew, with what from our standpoint has an impossible style, won after all. Nor can we urge any excuse for the defeat, for the "dead noser" and the rough water were supposed to be greatly in favour of the Englishmen, while the station, if anything, favoured them, though there was really nothing in that. What is the moral? There must be something in the Continental style which is superior to ours, and the sooner it is realised the greater the chance of our regaining our supremacy.

R. C.

DAMASCUS-HEDJAZ RAILWAY.

Progress of Work.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JULY 24.

A Hedjaz correspondent gives a glowing account of the progress of the Damascus-Hedjaz Railway. He says that at Tabuk everything is so well ordered that you feel as if you were arriving at one of the best stations in the world. A little further on the railway spans a picturesque valley. Two miles beyond this you see the work of construction in active progress and Turkish soldiers building a sort of fortification. At a distance of 730 kilometres they have built a solid bridge in the middle of which these words are inscribed. "In honour of Hamidai Technical Regiment, 1324." Other bridges are in course of construction for the supply of provisions, building material and military stores. Special trains are running which allow of work being pushed on rapidly. There is no trouble about water-supply. From 734 kilometres onwards work is in rapid progress, and the general scheme meets with the whole-hearted approval of the people. From Hormaz, six hours journey westwards, are seen the remains of Alkarya which was one of seven big towns of olden times, and even now the dilapidated walls of this town extend to five kilometres. Among the remains, stones can be found on which are inscribed pictures of men, lions, and leopards, and some also have inscriptions which show that in olden times the civilization of this place was anything but primitive. The climate of Tabuk is healthy, the soil fertile and palm trees abound. Up to now a large portion of the expenditure has been borne by the sixteen million inhabitants of Turkey, and to meet this expenditure a deduction of 6 per cent is made from the salaries of Civil and Military Officers and other State officials. It is estimated that £ (T.) 1,500,000 are still required to complete the Hedjaz Railway to Mecca. Within ten miles of Haifa and about 3 1/2 hours' journey from Saidoon, a big coal mine has been located, in the Habiba valley, and it is hoped that it will prove of immense use to the line. Moreover, it has been found that there are kerosine oil mines in the suburbs of Haruo. For those with a taste for archæology, land lying midway between the stations of Almanaz and Aljazira is full of interest. Here you find ruins of an old city, called Alkosar by the Arabs, and in ancient times known by the name of "Philadelphia." The ruins of a splendid temple and amphitheatre testify to the former grandeur of this city and indicate to what height architecture and art reached in those days. From Moan onwards, the intermediate land of Arkar and Batanai Ghoul yields copper. Land lying midway between Tahtul Haj and Birhurmuiz is full of alkaline salts and appears white owing to the glittering masses.

MADRAS CORPORATION.

Increase in Establishment Sanctioned.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JULY 24.

The Government of Madras have published an order on the Budget Estimate of the Madras Corporation for the year 1907-08 according sanction to certain increases to the establishment recommended by the Corporation which they had originally vetoed.

The Corporation, it will be remembered, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution strongly protesting against the action of the Government in unduly interfering in petty details of Municipal management.

The present order is the result of reconsideration of the matter by the Government of India.

SIRDAR NASRULLAH'S PILGRIMAGE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

Information from Cabul has it that Sirdar Nasrullah Khan, the younger brother of the Amir, will proceed on a Haj to Mecca and Medina. The date of departure will be determined on the Amir's return.

CHINESE ENVOY AT LHASSA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

Intimation has been received at Darjeeling that Chang the Chinese Envoy in Lhassa will shortly return to Calcutta and subsequently visit Simla.

It is reported that he has effected some reforms at Potala.

CHINA AND INDIAN OPIUM.

The following letter has been addressed to Sir Pelham L. Warren, K.C.M.G., H.B.M's. Consul General at Shanghai, by the undermentioned firms: David Sassoon and Co., Ld., E. D. Sassoon and Co., E. Pabanay, Cawasjee Pallanjee and Co., S. J. David and Co., Tata and Co., A. Ebrahim and Co., D. E. J. Abraham, P. B. Petit and Co., Talati and Co. and others:—

Shanghai, 27th June.

Sir,—We beg to bring to your notice the following:—

Some of the Chinese opium dealers here have received information from their constituents in Nanking that the Viceroy there intends granting the monopoly of the opium trade in Nanking to a few dealers, who only will be allowed to import opium there. So far no official notification has been issued: but as there is every probability of its coming into force at any moment, and subsequently a similar monopoly is intended to be given here and elsewhere, we think it advisable to lay the matter before you so that immediate steps may be taken to stop its being carried into effect.

Such monopolies would prevent other dealers from participating in the opium trade thus destroying the healthy competition and thereby crippling the business and causing heavy losses to importers who will be at the mercy of the few who hold the monopolies, as regards prices, etc.

It would also be greatly prejudicial to the interest of the Indian Government if such a scheme is permitted to be enforced especially in the present unsettled and unsatisfactory state of the opium trade, owing to the action of the Chinese Government.

Government in closing up the public smoking dens, and importers, in view of the further uncertainty of demand from those who would hold the monopoly, would curtail importation, which would mean a material reduction of their purchases from the Government of India's monthly sales.

We therefore beg to request you to be good enough to take immediate action and oppose the movement and if necessary to communicate with H.B.M's. Minister at Peking, as it is in contravention of Article X of the treaty of Nanking of 1843 which provides that British merchandise having paid the regulated Customs and does such merchandise may be conveyed by Chinese merchants to any province or city in the empire of China.

The said monopoly, if granted, would therefore be tantamount to placing restrictions on Chinese merchants in general.

We may add that we are afraid, if the monopoly is given that the Chinese Officials may push the consumption of native opium to the detriment of foreign drug.

SPORTING NEWS.

FOOTBALL.

The Hardwood League.

With the rain fortunately holding off, the Bombay Gymkhana and Royal Scots "B" were able to meet on the Cooperage which was in very wet and slippery condition. As expected, the Scots proved successful but by only a small margin, partly due to the wet ground and the fine goal-keeping of Thompson who took Dawson's place in goal. The latter was scarcely a success at forward and that line was weak though W. Ross and Kennedy were good; the latter rather too selfish. The advent of Half, the old Gymkhana centre half, at right half considerably strengthened them, and Rollo at centre and Bussey were in good form. Another new member is Johnson at right back in place of Elliott and he looks like turning out well.

On starting, the Scots at once came up and in centre by Wright saw Parkes very nearly score. Thompson saved well slipping down and hold on though Ross kicked the ball whilst in his hands Newbigging miss-kicked when well placed and Rollo saved. With the Gymkhana up Kennedy fouled and they were sent back and later Brown shot wide. From an off-side Ross broke clean away, Ward missed his kick and Newbigging getting clear made no mistake. On resuming Newbigging tested Thompson who fell but got out of a tight corner by conceding a corner and Lakin shot over. Each end was visited, W. Ross and Parkes going near, and then McIntosh sent in a fine shot which Thompson saved and threw out as he again slipped over. They continued to press and Wright giving back to his half, he centred well. Ward miss-kicked and McIntosh sent a nice shot through. Rain now began to fall hard and especially near the Gymkhana goal the ground was a mire which probably saved the defenders a couple of goals.

Soon after half time the rain stopped the Gymkhana getting down through Kennedy but though he and Ross put in good work they could not get through, Foster especially kicking well and sure despite the wet ball. The Scots coming up, the centre half took a long shot but Thompson saved before he was changed and came down flat on his face and McIntosh shot hard to the left. W. Ross on the Gymkhana left put in some good work well assisted by Bussey, but was otherwise poorly supported and hands against Ward who shot his elbow out saved Wright getting clean away. A brilliant save by Thompson followed getting away from a general rush by clearly bouncing the ball and after play on the left Ross got on with nobody near him but sent over. Kennedy now put in some good work but each time kept the ball too long and just on time the Gymkhana had a narrow escape. Thompson was bowled over but Ward just got to the ball in time. The whistle consequently went with the Scots comfortable winners but by only a small margin.

Royal Scots, "B".....2 Goals.
Bombay Gymkhana.....Nil.

The table stands as under:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Royal Scots "B"	10	9	0	1	47	3	19
Royal Scots "A"	8	6	2	0	21	3	12
Bo. Gymkhana	8	4	3	1	11	5	9
R. G. A.	7	3	4	0	13	10	6
Telegraph	8	3	5	0	8	14	6
Y. M. C. A.	9	3	5	1	5	16	8
Rovers	7	1	4	2	6	19	4
Customs	7	0	7	0	0	43	0

BOOK-MAKERS IN THE ENCLOSURE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

Mr. Galstaun of turf renown returned from Bombay to Calcutta on Sunday. It is undecided whether he will take part at the ensuing Calcutta Monsoon Races or go to Poona where the majority of his horses are.

There is a general impression among owners of horses here that sooner or later the Stewards will withdraw their restrictive order closing the Enclosure to Bookmakers.

THE PROPOSED MUSSERFERKHANA.

The following petition of the Owners of Properties, Rate Payers and residents in the locality surrounding and in the vicinity of the lately reclaimed Tank at Gilder Street, Grant Road, has been sent to Mr. S. M. Edwardes, Acting Municipal Commissioner, dated the 23rd of July:—

Your petitioners have heard with surprise and consternation that Government has invited the Corporation to sell or transfer or deliver the site of the Gilder Tank for the purpose of building thereon or on part thereof a Mussaferkhana for the Hajis.

Your petitioners fully sympathise with the object of Government and are averse to rise and question which might give rise to embitterment of racial feelings but they respectfully potest against the site being utilised for a Mussaferkhana for Hajis for the following amongst other reasons.

Your petitioners say that the locality in question is a rising locality where during the last 13 years a number of large and substantial buildings have been erected and are mostly occupied by middle class Parsees and Hindoos and the remaining vacant portions of land are likely to be utilised for the same purpose and some of the present buildings are likely to be converted into larger and more substantial buildings for occupation by middle class Parsees, by reason whereof, the Municipal Revenue have and are likely to be considerably enhanced.

The locality requires the site as an open area to be utilised as recreation ground and this site has, from time to time, been recommended for such purpose by your Health Department and by Sanitary experts.

Your petitioners have learnt with surprise that the plot is valued at Rs. 75,000 only. Your Petitioners say that the plot is much more valuable and the low value has been suggested in order to induce the Corporation to part with the plot.

If the site utilised for Hajis it will be a source of disturbance of peace in the locality as the Hajis will be in the midst of people of entirely different community.

It will also be a fruitful centre for propagation of diseases which the Hajis may introduce on their way to and back from the Haj.

Further, it will not only be a check to the growth of the locality but many of the present buildings will cease to be occupied by the class of tenants in occupation thereof at present and the rents will fall and not only the owners of the property but the Municipal Revenue will also suffer thereby.

A site close to the harbour would be the best for locating the Hajis and in any event the site should be nearer the Mahomedan population who have sympathy for the Hajis, who would be nearer them for the purpose of relieving distress among the Hajis, many of whom are admittedly in such abject poverty, as to have no means of sustenance during their stay in Bombay.

Your Petitioners submit that the pecuniary gain to the Corporation by parting with the plot and the gain to the Hajis and the Mahomedan Community will comparatively be very insignificant, whereas besides the constant dread and apprehension to which your Petitioners will have to submit, the loss to the Petitioners who are owners of properties in the locality by the depreciation of their valuable properties and the loss of Revenue to the Corporation will be very substantial.

Under the circumstances your Petitioners pray that you will lay this Petition before the Committee appointed by the Corporation to consider the question and move the Committee to recommend the Corporation to refuse to give the land for the purpose required by Government.

MEMORIAL TO MAJOR MOIR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JULY 24.

A Committee of English and Indian Medical men, with Colonel Dury as President, has been formed for the purpose of raising a memorial to Major Moir, late Professor of Anatomy in the Medical College, Calcutta.

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is the list of messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay, on July 24:—

From: Egmore, Madras, to Gaunt and Son Ltd; Dikaf-G. I. P. to Tayaballi Poonawalla Ulloni Mahomed, Arabs' chall; Ankleswar, to Suleman Ebrahim Kazi; Delhi, to Silk-merchant; Calcutta ami Simla, to Sabidass, Abdulrahiman Street, Pydhonie; Sylhet, to Nazibabibi Ismail, Setimussafirkhana, Bendibazar; Rangoon, to Sheerazee; Maidenhead, to Baddeley, Boxia, Bombay; Rajpain H. C., Motiram Ruttanath; Calcutta Strand, to Govindass care of Mulji Jetha; Calcutta, to Ebrahim Bailor, Bombay, Crawford Market; Cocha, to Goodluck; Ismail, to Mulji Days.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, JULY 24.

Rainfall occurred over the whole of India except in the North-west of the Frontier Province, Sind, Baluchistan, Eastern Deccan and East Coast.

Precipitation became lighter in the West Coast but increased in Rajputana.

The trough of low pressure has not moved appreciably and there are no indications of any immediate change in the area of rainfall except in the extreme North where local disturbance appears passing away.

In Burma, there has been nearly general rain on the Coast and a few falls in the interior. Port Blair reports 3 inches and Mergui, Moulmein, Bassein and Diamond Island 1 inch. The skies are moderately to thickly clouded and humidity and temperature are normal.

In the North-east of India and Orissa, rainfall has diminished and has been only local. Gauhati had 2 inches, Silchar, Dhubri and Barisal 1 inch, Burdwan and Dinajpur 1½, and Gaya 2 inches. The skies are moderately clouded and humidity and temperature are nearly normal.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces, rainfall has been nearly general in the Central Provinces except in the east, and local rain elsewhere. The principal amounts are:—Benares 2 inches, Gorakhpur and Bahraich ½ inch, Bareilly 4 inches, Chakrata 2, Indore, Sangor, Nagpur and Akola 1/2 inch, and Khandwa 3/4 inch. The skies are thickly clouded in the greater part of the division and humidity and temperature are approximately normal.

In the North-west of India, local rain has fallen in the East and Submontane Punjab, Rajputana and East Gujarat. Simla reports 1 inch, Sialkot and Khushab 3/4, Sirsa and Bikanir 1 1/2 inches, Jaipur 1/2 inch, Kotah and Mount Abu 1, Deesa 1 1/2, Ahmedabad 1/2 inch and Surat 1 1/2 inches. Cloud has decreased generally and the skies are almost free from cloud except Rajputana, Gujarat and Lower Sind, where they are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity is normal and the temperature low in the extreme north in the Punjab and North Rajputana, slightly high in Lower Sind and normal elsewhere.

In the Peninsula nearly general rain occurred in the West Coast and Northwest Deccan, the chief amounts being:—Malegaon 4 inches, Aurangabad 1 inch, Poona and Bombay 2 inches, Belgaum 1/2 inch, Goa 1, Mercara 3 inches. The skies are moderately to thickly clouded and humidity and temperature are approximately normal.

Nearly general rainfall is probable in the Burma Coast, in the United Provinces, Central Provinces and the West Coast of the Peninsula, and local rain in the interior of Burma, Northeast India and Central India, and a few falls in Submontane Punjab, Gujarat, Rajputana and the Deccan.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BHOWNAGAR, JULY 23.

The weather conditions have improved here since I wrote to you last. On Sunday evening clouds banked up and rain came down measuring 0-85. Again it varied at 3 a.m. this morning bringing up the total to 5 inches. Reports of rain having fallen on the branch line have also reached us. The sky is clouded and we expect more rain. It is pleasant and cooler.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NASIK, JULY 24.

Steady rain has fallen for the last 24 hours, and it is still raining. The total of rainfall since June 1st is 12 inches.

THE WEATHER AT SEA.

The Bombay and Persia S. N. Co's steamer Moshtari, which arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden, reports having experienced strong monsoon and high sea.

RAINFALL IN BOMBAY.

Rains held out since yesterday morning about 10 o'clock and the weather remained fine all day. The sky was over cast and the atmosphere was very close. The rainfall up to 8 o'clock yesterday morning since 1st June has brought the total record to—

	Byculla. In Cts.	Mazagon. In. Cts.	Fort In. Cts.	Colaba. In. Cts.	Santa Cruz. In. Cts.
Previously registered	66 11	61 24	71 34	71 07	
Wednesday, 24th July, 1907 ...	2 83	2 70	2 47	2 27	
Total	69 03	63 94	73 81	73 34	
Total to date, 1906	29 91	31 20	34 24	29 96	

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CUMBALLA HILL, JULY 24.

Rainfall up to 8 a.m.

	Last 24 Hours. In. Cents.	Total to Date, In. Cents.
Cumballa Hill	1 88	58 63

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been very irregular showing a brisk rise at Bombay and Surat a brisk fall at Hyderabad (Deccan), Masulipatam, Madras, Cuddapah and Trichinopoly and a slight rise or fall elsewhere.

Winds are easterly or south-easterly in the Punjab, United Provinces and at Jubbulpore, southerly at Surat and Nagpur and south-westerly to north-westerly elsewhere. The force has been strong to a gale in Cutch and at Karachi, Veraval, Rajkot, Poona, Bombay, Belgaum, Aurangabad, Sholapur, Ratnagiri, Bijapur, Mormugao and Coimbatore.

Temperature.—The abnormal excess in the maximum which was observable for several days past has almost disappeared. A few stations, namely Agra, Karachi, Bhuj, Deesa, Rajkot and Neemuch show an excess of 5° to 11°; minimum is 5° in excess of normal at Bhuj. The highest temperature in the shade was 112° at Jacobabad and the lowest 67° at Bangalore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy in almost all districts. Humidity shows a moderate to large increase above normal at Akola, Surat, Malegaon, Bombay, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar Para and Jhansi.

Rain has been widespread and as many as 33 stations report rain. The heaviest falls are:—3·69" at Malegaon, 2.34" at Poona, 2·27" at Bombay, 1·61" at Sirsa, 1·56" at Deesa and 1·28" at Surat.

Weather.—The area of abnormally low pressure which was yesterday over Bombay, Surat and Bhavnagar Para has disappeared, but another area of low pressure is now shown by the abnormal chart at and about Akola, Amraoti, Sholapur, Bijapur and Hyderabad (Deccan). To-day the monsoon current shows some signs of strengthening on the Malabar Coast, while on the Konkan Coast it is weaker than what it was for the last two or three days. Conditions are favourable for rain along the West Coast and over Berar and the Deccan. Local rain appears to be likely in Gujarat.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, July 25.

132—Detail for week ending Saturday the 27th instant.

Thursday the 25th.—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 a.m.

II.—"L" Coy. Parade at 7-45 a.m. on company parade ground.

III.—"I" Coy. Parade at 4-15 p.m. on company parade ground.

Friday the 26th.—"K" Coy, John Connon School Parade at 3-30 p.m on company parade ground.

Subject for all companies during the week, Sections 1 to 44 Infantry Training 1905, with Arms.

133—The under named having left the station are struck off the strength from this date:—

No 5751 vol H H Coulson, "C" Company.
No 8621 vol A. Wiseman "I" Company.
No 8796 vol W Gale "C" Company.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt. B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, July 25.

275 RESIGNATION OF ADJUTANTS.

The following extracts from Bombay Brigade orders is published for information:—

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Appointments.

No 677 Lieutenant F O Jenkin R G A having handed over the Adjutancy of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery on 31st July 1907 is directed to proceed to Poona to take up the appointment of officiating A D C to the General officer commanding 6 Coy (Poona) Division.

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276 PROMOTIONS.

The following Promotions are ordered in No 1 Company.

No 1 Sub-Division Corpl T W Venn to be Sergeant Bombr J Welch to be Corpl Gr H H Green to be Bombr.

No 2 Sub-division Gr A J Burnet to be Corpl a Bombr F Kimpton to be Bombr Gr G T Rasikh to be Corpl Trumpeter.

No 3 Sub-division Gr O B Banks to be Bombr.

No 4 Sub-division Gr M H Coates to be Corporal Gr R B M Fabrits to be Bombr Gr C Flook to be Bombr.

B. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Actg Adjt. B. V. A.

BY THE WAY.

THE SPEAKER'S PERQUISITES.

Mr. Michael MacDonagh, in the July "Chambers's Journal," tells of some interesting perquisites that fall to fortunate high State officials. Formerly a new Chair was supplied to the House of Commons on the meeting of each new Parliament, and the Speaker carried off the old Chair as a perquisite. Lord Sidmouth, who, as Henry Addington, was for seven years Speaker of the House of Commons, at the end of the eighteenth century had two of these seats of authority, one at each side of the fire place in the drawing-room of White Lodge, Richmond Park. There are as many as five of these chairs at Clandon Park, Surrey, the seat of the Earl of Onslow whose ancestor Arthur Onslow was Speaker from 1727 to 1761. The Speaker does not now get chairs, but he still receives a plump doe in December and a fat buck in July from the Royal deer parks, and "four and a half yards of the finest cloth that the country can produce" from the Clothworkers' Company every Christmas.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

Lord Chancellor Halsbury presided as Lord High Steward at the trial of Earl Russel by his peers for bigamy. The state chair, with its canopy and other trappings of rich silk, provided for such trials formerly fell to the Lord High Steward, but on this occasion the opportunity was denied to Lord Halsbury. The general cheers with which an announcement by the First Commissioner of Works to that effect, after the trial of Earl Russel, was received in the House of Commons showed that the abolition of some of these quaint and curious but valuable perquisites which fall to high officials of the State in addition to fat salaries would meet with popular approval. The Lord Chancellor, however, remains in the enjoyment of the annual gift of broadcloth as well as other perquisites of a more unique character including the Great Seal and the beautiful purse which contains it.

CLERKS IN THE LORDS AND COMMONS.

The Speaker and the Lord Chancellor, who receive such handsome perquisites, make by custom similar gifts to others. The three clerks who sit at the table of the House of Lords taking minutes of the proceedings for the Journals of the House, enjoying salaries ranging from £1,500 to £2,500, and the three clerks who discharge similarly light and pleasant duties at the table in the House of Commons for equally generous emoluments wear bob-wigs and flowing stuff-gowns like barristers-at-law in our courts of justice. The shine resplendent in new wigs and gowns whenever there is a change in the occupant of the Woolsack or the Chair, for every new Lord Chancellor present the clerks of the Lords, and every new Speaker the clerks of the Commons, with fresh sets of these habiliments.

LONDON'S STRANGE RELIGIONS.

The Faithist Community, which has established a modest footing in Balham, and whose comprehensive gospel ranges from the creation of man to the "glory and labours of the gods and goddesses of the Etherian Heavens," is the latest addition to the long list of London's strange religious sects, which are now almost as many as the days of the year. In London the Chinaman burns his incense-stick in more than one joss-house in the East End; the Mohammedan has his mosques the Malayan his temple, near St. George's-street East; the

MEN AND MATTERS.

THE KING AND EXHIBITIONS.

King Edward's visit to Ireland has been undertaken primarily that he may see the Irish Exhibition now being held at Dublin. His Majesty is a great connoisseur of exhibitions. It would be an interesting subject of discussion to what extent different monarchs have been able to influence the social habits of their subjects. Certain it is that King Edward has been the principal means of popularising exhibitions among us. It is with him an inherited taste; and there is no doubt that in the really hard work he has done in this direction he has been throughout inspired by the example of his father, whose memory he deeply reveres.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF 1851.

The King must vividly remember that glorious May Day when the first great enterprise of this kind which his father carried through in the face of much ignorant opposition was opened in Hyde Park—that "Palace of Glass" which the present generation knows as the Crystal Palace at Norwood. A handsome, curly-headed little boy, of between nine and ten, dressed in kilt and sporran, the future King went with his parents to the gorgeous opening ceremony, but that was not by any means his last visit. He and his brother, Prince Alfred were often taken, sometimes three of four times a week, to study particular sections of the Exhibition, under the guidance of their tutor, whose mild aspect belied his ominous name of Birch!

AN AMUSING STORY.

The late Lord Playfair tells an absurd story of one exhibitor who seems to have been to say, the least of it eccentric. He had long pestered Playfair to draw the Royal attention to an elaborate engraving which he had executed on a glass jar. At length and quite unexpectedly the moment came but the sight of his Sovereign examining his handiwork completely upset him, and when Queen Victoria asked what a boy jumping out of a boat beneath a large eye was intended to mean, the unfortunate engraver blundered out: "The boy, ma'am, is the Prince of Wales, and the eye is the Eye of God looking on with pleasure at his Royal Highness landing on His kingdom as the reigning Sovereign!" Whether this was the true explanation of the picture is doubtful, but Playfair records that both Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort laughed heartily over the absurd incident, only comparable to that of the young lady who, on being presented to William IV, told him that her one ambition was to be presented at a Coronation!

AL FRESCO ENTERTAINMENTS.

King Edward early saw that exhibitions could be made to serve the purpose of pleasant "al fresco" amusement and recreation as well as that of promoting science and industry. The Fisheries Exhibition, as it was suggested, and in a sense organised, was visited by the three millions of people, and may be said to have opened the eyes of Londoners to the delights of open-air assemblies. The "Healtheries" and "Ideals" followed; and if London is now brighter and less gloomy than the London of years ago, it is chiefly due to His Majesty's good influence.

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[illegible] many peculiar, and while trifling, yet important, duties which fall to the lot of the hostess called upon to entertain Royalty at short notice is that of conveying to those of her guests whom she has reason to suppose are not versed in Court etiquette certain points as to their behaviour. The more ignorant the ladies and gentlemen in question may happen to be the more sensitive they are about the matter; a Duke or a Marchioness is always ready to accept instruction in the matter of Court etiquette, not so the wife or son of the local worthy who finds herself or himself for the first and probably for the last time forming part of a Royal house party. The important of those unwritten laws which govern the behaviour of those thrown temporarily into the society of the highest caste is that which ordains that no present must stand till invited to sit down. Strangely enough, this rule is often found more irksome in trying by strong stalwart men than by fragile women. Maupassant, the great French novelist, who was many Royal friends, particularly objected to this "standing order," and in a private letter to a friend, published since his death, he observed with great irritation. "One would not mind so much if they themselves sometimes sat down, but Royal joints are not like those of ordinary folk: and the princes and princesses who honour me with their friendship never do sit down!" Again no one is ever introduced to a Royal personage unless leave has first been privately obtained or unless the introduction is made at the Royal request, and then it must be treated as a command.

"ONLY THE GOVERNESS."

An interesting and instructive little anecdote used to be told in the Uffices concerning Queen Victoria. A great lady with whom the Sovereign was staying—and we know that she must have been a great lady, for in those days Royal personages never stayed with any host and hostess below a certain rank in the peerage—had the bad taste, in answer to a suggestion from the Queen, to say, "I do not think that you would care, Ma'am, to be introduced to that young person, for she is only the governess." The rebuke which followed was cleverly conveyed, for the hostess was supposed to be something of a blue-stocking: "I only wish—and I am sure that you must do the same—that I had had the opportunity of meeting the writer of 'Jane Eyre' when she also was 'only the governess!'"

ROYAL PETS AS GUESTS.

A hostess entertaining Royal visitors for the first time often omits to make suitable provision for the pets which always accompany not only their Majesties but all princes and princesses "en voyage." The King is extremely particular concerning the comfort of his faithful dumb friends: when going on a shooting visit his Majesty's special sporting dog always travels in the Royal special, being looked after during the journey by the Kings' loader. This dog has inscribed on his collar the words "I belong to the King." Foreign Royalties often bring with them to English country houses very curious pets including cats, birds, marmosets and lizards. Fortunately every great country house has its complement of favoured animals, and these generally welcome any temporary addition to their number. One can imagine with what delightful humour Thackeray would have described a Royal pets' party.

AN IMPORTANT POINT OF ETIQUETTE.

It is curious how few people are aware that it is not only bad taste, but absolutely against the laws of etiquette, for any lady or gentleman to leave a gathering at which Royalty is present. This is a point about which Royal personages are peculiarly sensitive, and one concerning which several of our Royalties do not scruple on occasion to speak their minds very frankly. In these days when so many people are brought in contact with the Royal caste this observance is often only honoured in the breach, but how old-fashioned people in Society regard this lack of manners was rather quaintly proved by a most humble note of apology written by the greatest of Victorian Radicals to the then Prince of Wales.

MR. GLADSTONE'S "SHOCKING OMISSION."

It was in 1853 that the G. O. M. wrote a letter to his future Sovereign which ran as follows: "I am very much shocked at an omission which I made last night in failing to ask your Royal Highness' leave to be the first to quit Lord Alchester's agreeable party in order that I might attend to my duties in the House of Commons. When I was a young man, not only did the company remain united if a member of the Royal Family were present, but I well recollect the application of the same rule in the case of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is curious to reflect that what Mr. Gladstone thought it so shocking to do, and that with the best possible excuse, many a fervent young Tory is caught doing today without a suspicion that he is behaving in an unseemly manner. It may be added that this rule does not only apply to small private parties, but also to such gatherings as balls, gardens, fetes, and wedding receptions.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

The Birthday Honours of 1907 are remarkable, because for the first time there was circulated to the Press from Downing Street a budget of short biographies of the principal persons honoured. The work showed the usual official incompetence, trivial details being inserted and really important points omitted. The most interesting of the new peers is Mr. Alexander Peckover, who is probably the first Quaker to become a member of the Upper House. He was certainly the first Quaker to be a Lord-Lieutenant of a county, namely Cambridgeshire, an office which he resigned only last November. A wealthy banker and a man of princely charities, Mr. Peckover is a devoted bookman, with a specialty for old bibles and maps. He is a widower with three daughters, the eldest of whom is married to Mr. J. D. Penrose, the artist, and she has four sons. It is understood that there will be a special remainder of the peerage in her favour. Sir James Kitson, M. P., another new peer, is a fine-looking man, with lanky white moustache, and the determined features of a great captain of industry. That he certainly is, for his railway engines run all over the world. He has three sons by his first wife and another by his second; and it is noteworthy that one of his sisters married the famous Dr. Playfair,

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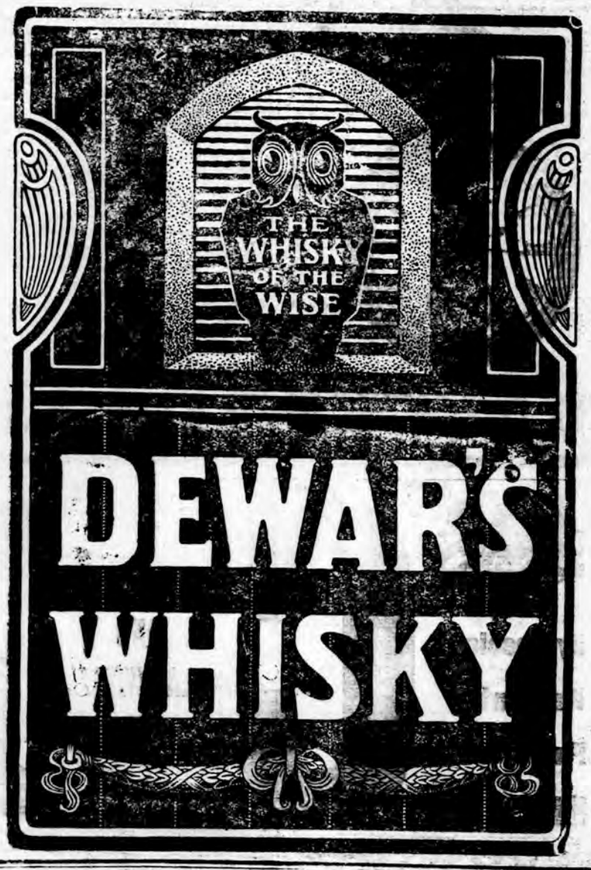

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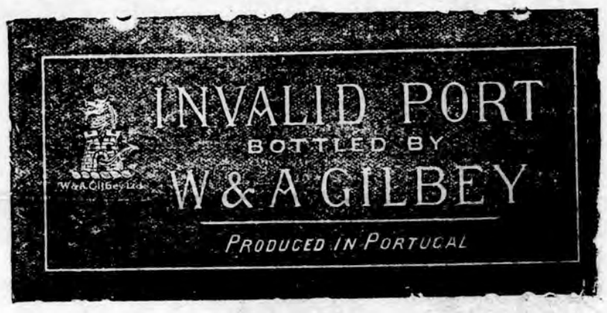

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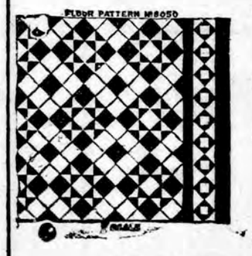

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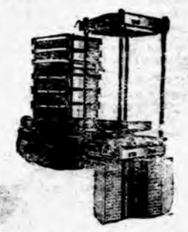

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